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Aid to Sahel states
The \$210 million aid pledged by Islamic countries for the 10 drought-stricken African Sahel states is in the process of disbursement. Saudi Arabia has already bought and begun delivery of some \$15 million worth of grain and other items to the beneficiaries.—Page 2.

Aden visit postponed
Foreign ministers of Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates were to visit Aden to resolve the differences between South Yemen and Oman but postponed the visit. It is now likely to take place next week.—Page 4.

Peking's man-made destruction
A chain of man-made and natural disasters turned Peking into an ecological disaster area where there is no grass or wild birds and where people suffer from bad air, dust storms and drought. Scientists are now studying how Peking residents have ignored their environment and are trying to reverse the process.—Page 7.

Peking warns U.S.
Communist China, preparing for a visit by U.S. Vice President George Bush, warns Washington that its arms sales to Taipei constitute a threat to Sino-U.S. relations. Bush is arriving in Peking Wednesday on a five-day visit.—Page 11.

U.S. clarifies stand
American Ambassador James L. Malone has said the United States still might join an International Law of the Sea treaty if U.S. conditions regarding deep-seabed mining are met.—Page 13.

OPEC favors dialogue
The chairman of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, Mansour Oteibi, expressed support Sunday to a Japanese proposal for dialogue between exporters and importers of oil.—Page 14.

Bucks slip 76ers
Sidney Moncrief sank a key basket at the buzzer to help Milwaukee Bucks cut the Philadelphia 76ers. NBA semifinals series lead to 2-1, while the Boston Celtics gunned down the Washington Bullets to take a 2-1 lead in the other Eastern Conference clash.—Page 16.

Poland eases curbs
Despite counter-demonstrations in Polish cities on May Day, authorities go ahead with the planned lifting of curfew and some other martial law curbs.—Page 20.

New offensive launched

Iraqi forces repel two Iranian thrusts

BEIRUT, May 2 (Agencies) — Iraqi forces repulsed two further Iranian attacks in the southwestern Khuzestan province in an early Sunday and launched a counteroffensive, the official Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported.

Quoting announcements by the Iraqi high command, it said the Iranians attacked at dawn west of the Karun River, where they established a bridgehead at the start of their offensive, now in its third day, as well as further north in the Ahwaz-Susangerd sector. A high command communiqué, said Iraqi troops repulsed Iranian forces west of the Karun and launched a counteroffensive. They also foiled the Iranian attack to the north, it said.

Baghdad radio stopped its normal programs Sunday and broadcast patriotic songs and martial music to mark what was termed the Iraqi victory. The state television was also giving its programs four hours early, INA said. Iran launched its offensive with the apparent aim of driving the Iraqis right out of oil-rich Khuzestan, but the outcome of the battle was still unclear Sunday and the Iraqi command spoke of continued fighting.

Baghdad radio, monitored in Amman, said the Iraqis had sent in fresh troops to reinforce those besieged in a pocket west of the Karun. The reinforcements were completely destroyed, the radio said.

Iraq said two days ago that it had destroyed the bridges by which the Iranians crossed to the west bank of the Karun, and it was not clear whether they had built new bridges to send in the reinforcements or had parachuted them in. The Iraqi high command, which Saturday night said more than 12,000 Iranians had died in the latest offensive in the 19-month-old war, said thousands more had been killed in Sunday's fighting. It gave no figure for Iraqi casualties.

King greets Gen. Ershad on arrival

DHAHRAN, May 2 (SPA) — Bangladesh chief martial law administrator Lt. Gen. Hussein Muhammad Ershad arrived here Sunday from Dacca on a two-day visit to the Kingdom. He was greeted on arrival by King Khalid.

During his stay here, Lt. Gen. Ershad will hold talks with King Khalid on bilateral relations and international issues of mutual interest.

He told reporters at Dacca airport that his talks with King Khalid and other leaders would center on matters of mutual interest. He also said he would invite King Khalid to visit Bangladesh.

This is Gen. Ershad's first trip abroad since he took power in a bloodless coup in March. Later on Gen. Ershad had talks with Foreign Minister Prince Saud about matters of mutual interest and the promotion of bilateral relations.

Gen. Ershad is due to visit Jeddah to perform the umra in Makkah and to visit and pray at the Prophet's mosque in Madinah.

Hermes damaged, Argentina says

Britain holds fire over Falklands

LONDON, May 2 (R) — Britain Sunday reported a break in fighting in the Falklands conflict with no fresh military action since Saturday night's aerial battle and British naval bombardment of Argentine positions on the seized South Atlantic colony.

"We have no further reports of further engagements to date," the Defense Ministry announced in its first bulletin of the day shortly after noon (1100 GMT).

But on the political front, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher bowed to opposition pressure for confidential all-party talks. The government announced that the leaders in Parliament of the opposition labor, Social Democratic and Liberal parties had been invited to briefings with Mrs. Thatcher and her key ministers.

Defense Ministry Spokesman Ian McDonnell said at a news conference that Britain's military action against Argentine forces was in self-defense. "This is not war," he told reporters, adding: "This is self-defense in accordance with the United Nations charter." The spokesman said no British planes or helicopters had been lost in the previous 24 hours.

However, the Argentine Air Force station in Port Stanley claimed that the British aircraft carrier *Hermes* had been "severely damaged" by attacks launched by Argentine planes. Argentina also said five British Harrier jump-jets were shot down in air and sea battles, but the British defense spokesman said the Argentine air raid was ineffective.

The Argentine Air Force added that the aircraft carrier was now "out of action" as a result of damage suffered.

Argentine planes "hit their target in several places," the announcement added.

This left the British task force with just one operational carrier in the South Atlantic, the *Invincible*, the Argentine Air Force said.

In London, the British Defense Ministry said it had "no information" on Buenos Aires reports about serious damage done by Argentine planes to the *Hermes*.

The defense Ministry spokesman said that during the British naval bombardment of Argentine positions, Argentine fighter and bomber aircraft attacked the British task force. British Sea Harrier jump-jets shot down an Argentine Mirage fighter.

During the evening, Argentine forces conducted a bombing raid on the fleet and British aircraft shot down one Argentine Canberra bomber and severely damaged another, he said.

The spokesman said Saturday's dawn raid on the islands' main airfield near the capital Port Stanley had severely damaged the runway. It also caused considerable damage to surrounding Argentine military installations, he said.

A Harrier jump-jet raid on the small airstrip at Goose Green, a settlement on the Choiseul Sound that runs between the two main islands, damaged the runway and a number of Argentine military aircraft parked nearby, the spokesman said.

He said the Defense Ministry would find it difficult to believe that the two airfields were now operable.

Foreign Minister Nicanor Costa Mendez said Saturday on his return from New York following the failure of diplomatic efforts to resolve the conflict: "We have already given a military response and we will carry on with the diplomatic response."

Addressing the nation on television Saturday night, President Galtieri left the door open to a negotiated settlement. "We have tried, by all means, conciliation and peace. The unspeakable attack we have suffered does not diminish this pacifist vocation which has always inspired us," he said.

West Bank clashes continue

Settlements ban put off

TEL AVIV, May 2 (Agencies) — Prime Minister Menahem Begin's government decided Sunday against seeking a parliamentary resolution to ban the removal of Israeli settlements from occupied Arab territories in future peace negotiations.

Begin had proposed introducing a resolution in parliament in the wake of Israel's evacuation of 15 settlements in the Sinai desert last week under the peace treaty with Egypt. But only Defense Minister Ariel Sharon favored the resolution, Israeli radio reported. Begin did not participate in the cabinet vote, but was known to favor the resolution only if it was assured of broad support in the Knesset. The opposition Labor Party said it would not support the ban.

In the occupied West Bank, meanwhile an Israeli civilian shot a 10-year-old Arab girl in the head in the village of Arub, near Hebron, the military said. The girl, Maisoun Kastanawi, is reported to be in a serious condition in hospital.

Other stoning incidents were reported in the West Bank towns of Hebron, Ramallah and Yataat, and an Israeli woman was slightly injured by broken glass when rioters threw rocks at a bus traveling from Hebron to occupied Jerusalem.

The military claimed no Israeli soldiers were involved in Sunday's shooting in the Hebron area. Israeli army radio said the civilian who shot the girl was in a line of motorists who came under a barrage of rocks while driving through Arub. Police were searching for the gunman, the radio said.

King receives Nigeria message

DAMMAM, May 2 (SPA) — King Khalid received a message Sunday from Nigerian President Shehu Shagari. The message was delivered by visiting Nigerian Oil Minister Mallam Yehia Dikko.

The audience was attended by the Second Deputy Premier and Commander of National Guard Prince Abdullah, Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan, Oil and Mineral Resources Minister Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani and Finance and National Economy Minister Muhammad Aba Al-Khail.

U.N. urged to mediate

L. American states flay action

BUENOS AIRES, May 2 (AFP) — Argentina's fellow Latin American nations condemned the British naval task force's attack on Port Stanley Saturday and many also hit out at the United States for siding with Britain in the Falklands conflict.

The Brazilian government expressed its "disagreement" with the British attack and said the United Nations should act immediately to end the confrontation by diplomacy.

In Caracas, Venezuelan President Luis Herrera Campins said "all of Latin America condemns the United Kingdom's aggression" and Foreign Minister Jose Alberto Zambrano accused the United States of complicity in what he described as British "colonial violence."

In Lima, Peruvian President Fernando Belaunde expressed his country's solidarity with Argentine leader Gen. Leopoldo Galtieri and condemned the "ungrateful measures" taken by the United States against Buenos Aires. His view was echoed in the Peruvian press which said Washington's backing of Britain threatened the existence of the Organization of American States (OAS).

Nicaragua also condemned both the attack and U.S. support for Britain, which Interior Minister Tomas Borge said "demonstrate the need for a front of the peoples of Latin America against the obvious enemy" of their countries.

In Quito, Ecuadoran Foreign Minister Luis Valencia Rodriguez reaffirmed Ecuador's solidarity with its "Argentine sister" and condemned Britain's "colonial-type new aggression."

Mexican Foreign Minister Jorge Castaneda said in Mexico City he deplored the fact that the Anglo-Argentine confrontation had now spilled over into violence and said that the U.S. position had aggravated the conflict.

But Castaneda added that although Mexico supported Argentina's claim to sovereignty over the Falklands, it believed that Buenos Aires should respect United Nations Resolution 502 which called on it to withdraw its forces from the islands.

In El Salvador, the Democratic Christian leader in the National Assembly, Rey Prendes, said there was "an urgent need for the peoples and governments of the continent to unite in defense of their common interests in order to neutralize" the position of the United States.

'Russia ready for radical accords'

BOSTON, Massachusetts, May 2 (AFP) — The Soviet Union is prepared to reach "most radical agreements with other countries" to prevent nuclear war, Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev has said in a letter to an international group of doctors.

Brezhnev's letter, made public Saturday, was addressed to a meeting here of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War. In it, the Soviet head of state said he "fully shared" the group's concern over the "alarming state" of world affairs.

"The danger is increasing and this is a direct result of the attempts to substitute

Political killings must go—Amnesty

AMSTERDAM, May 2 (AP) — Human rights workers from 30 countries Sunday ended a three-day conference with a call for action by the world community to put a stop to "political murders committed, condoned or acquiesced in by governments."

The conference, organized by the Dutch chapter of the London-based Amnesty International, said hundreds of thousands of people have died in the past ten years as a result of the practice, described as "unlawful and deliberate killings carried out by order of a government or with its complicity, outside any judicial process."

At a press briefing, Amnesty International president, Jose Zalaquett, cited the mass murder of up to half million Ugandans, the thousands of "disappearances" and presumed murders in Argentina, and the forced deportation and murder of an estimated 500,000 Cambodians by the Pol Pot regime as recent examples of such killings.

He said the practice is continuing today in a number of countries in Africa, Latin America and Asia, with killings carried out by troops, police, special units functioning outside normal judicial control, and so-called death squads.

The conference, called to shed light on the abuse and to seek ways of stopping it, adopted a series of recommendations aimed at setting a standard for public opinion at large, for human rights organizations worldwide, for the United Nations and for sympathetic governments. Zalaquett said.

The conference's recommendations included a call for human rights organizations "to provide relevant information as promptly and as objectively as possible" and to initiate "joint programs of action exposing the involvement of governments in these killings and their responsibility to bring the practice to an immediate end."

Amnesty also recommended that "minimum standards be developed to establish whether a government has investigated reports of the practice in good faith" and urged the international community to "permit independent investigations, press for such investigations in countries" whose governments do not permit them, "and use diplomatic channels for fact-finding and pressure."

Thai envoy smuggles \$20m heroin

BANGKOK, May 2 (AFP) — Thailand has waived the diplomatic immunity of its vice-consul in Chicago, who was arrested there Friday on charges of smuggling heroin worth up to \$20 million in diplomatic pouches, Deputy Foreign Minister Arun Phanupong said Sunday.

Arun said Thailand had agreed to a request from U.S. authorities to arrest Sihadej Chindawong, 42, after a long investigation in which both the foreign ministry here and the Royal Thai Embassy in Washington were involved.

According to reports reaching Bangkok, Sihadej, who is understood to have been previously posted at the Thai Consulate General in Hong Kong, was seized at the Chicago consulate by agents of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency. Drug agents said he apparently headed a ring suspected of smuggling up to \$20 million of heroin, said to be 97 percent pure, and that other Thai nationals were under investigation.

A U.S. Embassy spokesman here said the governments of the United States and Thailand and their respective police authorities had been working closely on the case for some time. Cooperation had been "extremely all along the line," he said.

There was no immediate word whether Bangkok would seek the extradition of Sihadej or whether he would be tried in the United States. The most recent heroin shipment reportedly arrived in Chicago last Saturday, where it was detected by trained dogs but allowed to transit while officials kept watch.

Saud meets Tindemans

JEDDAH, May 2 (SPA) — Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal held a meeting with his Belgian counterpart Leo Tindemans at the Foreign Office here Sunday.

Tindemans, who is also chairman of the European Economic Community's ministerial council, said a number of recent developments have helped Belgium in making preparations for this visit. He added that the Europeans have adopted several stances on the Middle East issue, the last of which was the Venice declaration.

Meanwhile, Mansour Al-Qabbani, director of the Western desk at the Foreign Office who attended the meeting, said that the two sides exchanged views on the developments in the Middle East issue and also on the possible move the Europeans can make in this behalf. He added that the Belgian minister has reiterated that he will hold a meeting with his colleagues in the EEC ministerial council, to give them a report on the outcome of his discussions in the states of the region.

Qabbani said that Tindemans expressed his satisfaction with the explanations given him by Prince Saud on the Palestine issue. He added, however, that the Euro-Arab dialogue had no direct link with the Palestine issue and that any European move to settle the issue on the basis of Israeli withdrawal and the Palestinian right to self-determination would help in the holding of this dialogue.

Qabbani said that Belgian foreign minister discussed the Arab peace proposal put forward by Saudi Arabia to resolve the Middle East problem.

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Kingdom's aid to Sahel states underway

By Ahmad Shaaban
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, May 2 — The Kingdom has already bought and begun delivery of grain and other items worth more than \$15 million as emergency food aid to the 10 drought-stricken countries of the African Sahel. It was revealed here.

The \$210 million emergency aid pledged by Islamic countries will be delivered by the donor states in the name of the Committee of Solidarity with the Peoples of the Sahel, it was decided at the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference here Sunday.

The Sub-Committee of the Committee of Islamic Solidarity with the Peoples of the Sahel which concluded its fourth meeting also decided that donors should keep the OIC secretariat and the executive secretariat of

Worth \$15 million

CILSS (The Inter-State Committee for Drought-Control in the Sahel) fully informed about each stage in the implementation of their program of purchase, transport and delivery of emergency food aid totaling more than \$33 million.

Last year's Third Islamic Summit Conference in Makkah/Taif had resulted in \$210 million being donated by Islamic states to Cape Verde, Chad, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Gambia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Upper Volta. Rural hydraulic and grazing projects were allocated \$162 million while another \$48 million for emergency food relief.

OIC Assistant Secretary General Arshad-uz-Zaman, who chaired this week's meetings on behalf of Secretary General

Habib Chatti, told Arab News that a number of hydraulic projects in the Sahel countries are at a relatively advanced stage of preparation. In some cases, they have already been financed partly. The sub-committee will keep on coordinating and following up to ensure a speedy implementation of both the emergency food aid program and the emergency project assistance program.

According to Seck Mame N'Diack, CILSS's secretary general, interviewed by Arab News this week, the effects of drought assumed an alarming proportion from 1968 onwards. There has been a progressive and intensive weather modification that led to a rainfall rarefaction from North to South with a consequent desertification along the same direction, imperiling both people and their beasts — residents whose main life activity is agriculture and livestock breeding. People died by the thousands, it rained only a few days and rivers stayed in their minor beds. As a result of such tragedy, agriculture was reduced to nil for several years in the Sahel.

Mauritania lost two thirds of its cattle and saw a year where the soil did not produce one single grain.

The death toll was heavy but no precise statistics are available, says a senior Mauritanian official. "When the desert man dies, people simply bury him and no one hears about him anymore." Other effects included an exodus of the rural populations to the major cities with all the social and economic consequences of the swelling slums. There has been a complete up-rooting of the people like livestock breeders, fishermen, farmers and others. It is after the rainy season each year, in November or December that the agricultural damage is assessed by multi-donor missions.

Roads allotted SR38m

HAFA AL-BATEN, May 2 (SPA) — Main roads in Hafra Al-Baten and Qaisuma are being asphalted, paved and illuminated at an overall cost of SR38 million, Mayor Abdul Aziz Al-Shabana said here Sunday.

He also said that provisional asphaltting is being carried out in various localities and their streets in the two towns at a cost of SR10 million. The present vegetable market in Qaisuma will be extended and a new one will be constructed at a cost of SR800,000, he added.

Jeddah clinic to hold second scientific parley

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, May 2 — The second scientific meeting for 1982 will be organized by the New Jeddah Clinic May 11 to 13, according to hospital sources Sunday. The subject of the meeting will be "Portal Hypertension, its medical and surgical aspects."

Visiting professors from Cairo University attending the meeting include Prof. Abou Shady El-Rouby, Prof. Ahmad Sameh Hammam and Prof. Ibrahim Fuad Thakeb. The meeting includes operative demonstrations, especially of the "Warren technique," demonstrations in injection sclerotherapy through the fiberoptic oesophagoscope — a newly developed technique to obliterate esophageal varices, suitable for patients unfit for surgical intervention.

Other topics of discussion will include problematic cases of liver diseases. Two lectures will be delivered May 11 and 13.

The first scientific meeting was held at New Jeddah Clinic in January of this year and dealt with "Orthopaedic surgery." It was organized in collaboration with the University of Berne in Switzerland.

Deputizing for King

Naif to dedicate Najran dam

RIYADH, May 2 (SPA) — Interior Minister Prince Naif will deputize for King Khaled at the opening of the SR277 million Wadi Najran dam next Sunday.

Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, minister of agriculture and water, said Sunday he was very happy over this "big achievement." The dam, which took three years to complete, will have a storing capacity of 85 million cubic meters of water. The dam is 274 meters long and 73 meters high from the base, he said.

It has upper and lower outlets each of a diameter of 2.25 meters and equipped with plugs and portals which open and close automatically. The dam is fitted with a dirt cleaner and has a road network of 7.7 kms and two

tunnels, each 1,900 meters long and six meters high, the minister added.

Al-Sheikh concluded by saying that the dam is part of a plan to give a spur to the agricultural activity in the Kingdom.

Prince Naif has recently concluded a few days inspection tour of the Najran area during which he visited many areas in the Southern Region. He held meetings with citizens and received their complaints. At the end of the tour, Prince Naif said he will submit a report to King Khaled on the area's needs for development projects. He also invited officials of other government departments to visit the region and assess its requirements.

Workers face ban on driving

JEDDAH, May 2 — The Traffic Directorate General is conducting a study on banning expatriates who fall into the category of workers from purchasing and driving cars. According to Al-Madinah Sunday, workers will be barred from driving even if they possess driving licenses "because this category has been recruited as workers initially

and not as drivers."

The paper referred to the rules which require companies to provide transportation for their employees from and to their work sites. Traffic officials have confirmed that congestion and the increase in the number of accidents is a result of many workers driving vehicles, especially in the big cities, the paper said.

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Solaim to chair Saudi pavilion at Knoxville fair

By Charles Holmes
Washington Bureau

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., May 2 — Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaim arrives here Tuesday to officially preside over the Kingdom's pavilion at the 1982 World's Fair which opened here Saturday. Solaim also will meet the press.

Thousands of people poured into this Tennessee hill town for the opening by U.S. President Ronald Reagan, who attempting to downplay the mounting Falkland Islands dispute, maintained his schedule and officially opened the multimillion dollar event.

Twenty-one foreign dignitaries, including Saudi Commissioner General Ibrahim F. Khoja, presented their national flags and officially opened their pavilions to the throngs of U.S. and international visitors. Khoja, the Saudi Commercial Counselor in Washington, has been handling the development and operation of the Saudi exhibit since the Kingdom joined the fair last May.

Fuel prices compared

JEDDAH, May 2 — Fuel prices are the lowest in the Kingdom among all Gulf states, according to *Al-Riyadh* Sunday. The huge price difference has increased fuel consumption in border regions like Khafji and Hafel-Batin, it quoted knowledgeable sources as saying.

Demand is particularly high for diesel because its price has been increased in Kuwait recently under a new tariff. Diesel prices in Kuwait are almost seven-times those in the Kingdom.

dom joined the fair last May.

Pleased fair officials estimated that about 85,000 people visited the 72-acre park Saturday. The exhibition is expected to draw more than 11 million people before it closes on Oct. 31.

Most visitors had only good things to say about the fair, the first international exhibit to be held since 1975. Hundreds filed into the Saudi pavilion Saturday afternoon, peering over displays of Saudi jewelry, traditional dress, electronic energy exhibits and a scale model of the Grand Mosque in Makkah.

One American woman viewing a display of art work by Saudi children commented, "I'm so glad I came in here ... I never knew what fascinating people these Arabs are."

The fair's emphasis is on energy, but like Saudi Arabia, most countries are taking the opportunity to highlight their cultures. Egypt is featuring a chariot used by Ramses II and portions of the Tutankamon exhibit which enjoyed a popular U.S. tour in 1976. Communist China brought a piece of the Great Wall. Korea set up a display of traditional dress and furniture. Japan features an automated robot arm that paints designs and symbols.

Over 50 U.S. and international corporations also sponsored exhibits. One of the most popular of these was Union Carbide, the battery people, who filled a room with hundreds of children's battery-operated toys, all working at once.

The main complaint of visitors Saturday, concerned access to the park. Security was extremely heavy with Reagan arriving from Washington.



EXHIBITION: Traditional Yemeni daggers (Jambiya) are on display in one of the five exhibitions of the Saudi-Yemeni cultural week which opened at the Youth Welfare premises in Jeddah Sunday.

BRIEFS

RIYADH, (SPA) — King Khaled received Saturday a cable of thanks from Emperor Hirohito of Japan in reply to the King's cable on his birthday anniversary. The emperor expressed deep gratitude for the sentiments reflected in King Khaled's cable.

RIYADH, (SPA) — Public Works and Housing Minister Prince Miteb, also acting minister of rural and municipal affairs, leaves here Monday on an official visit to Morocco. Prince Miteb was invited by the Moroccan housing minister. The delegation accompanying Prince Miteb comprises Nizar Al-Kurdi, undersecretary for public works; Abdul Aziz Ghandourah, Mina project director general; Majed Yamani, assistant undersecretary for housing; and Abdul Aziz Al-Doukhi, the minister's office director general.

DHAHRAN, (SPA) — Nigeria's Oil Minister Hajji Yahya Dikko and the accompanying delegation arrived here from Riyadh Saturday in the context of their visit to Saudi Arabia.

JEDDAH — The West German embassy here and Goethe-Institute of Germany are sponsoring a lecture tour through May 4 to the Kingdom as well as other Middle and Near East countries. Dr. Heiner Bonnenberg, managing director of Bonnenberg and Drescher Engineering Co., will lecture at King Saud University of Riyadh and Jeddah's King Abdul Aziz University on energy supply, planning and securing nuclear plants and environmental problems of energy-producing plants.

Yemen cultural week Majed opens five exhibits

By Maher Abbas
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, May 2 — Makkah Governor Prince Majed Sunday morning opened five exhibitions held at the Youth Welfare premises here in the context of the Saudi-Yemeni week. Prince Majed dedicated Saturday night the Saudi-Yemeni week in the presence of Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani and his Yemeni counterpart Hassan Al-Lozi.

In a speech on the occasion, the prince said that the week was the largest foreign cultural event to be held in Saudi Arabia for intellectuals, artists and men of letters of both countries to meet together. He added that such encounters were the right way to develop cultural relations and bilateral ties between the two countries. He pointed in this respect to the Saudi-Yemeni Coordination Council through which many great projects were implemented. Other such projects are planned for the future to ensure integration between the two brotherly peoples, he said.

SCECO to get optical fiber devices

LONDON, May 2 (LPS) — Saudi Arabia has ordered optical fiber equipment which will be powered by solar energy. The equipment is being supplied to the Central Region's Saudi Consolidated Electricity Company (SCECO).

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The exhibitions include one for books which displays historic, literary, scientific and cultural publications; another for handicrafts boasting Yemeni historic industry and comprehensive pictures of the nations dresses in the country; the third is a photo exhibition which tells the cultural history of the country through pictures of the daily life; the fourth illustrates the Yemeni environment through plastic arts; while the fifth is restricted to stamps.

A poetic recital evening, was held later on Sunday in which a number of Yemeni and Saudi Arabian poets participated. Literature and art meetings will continue Monday and the Yemeni folklore band and the music institute will stage a show at night.

Yamani and Lozi, who addressed the opening ceremony Saturday, stressed the importance of the event in boosting literary, cultural and information circles of the Arab world. They said the week reflects the ideal relations between their countries which are an example to be followed by others.

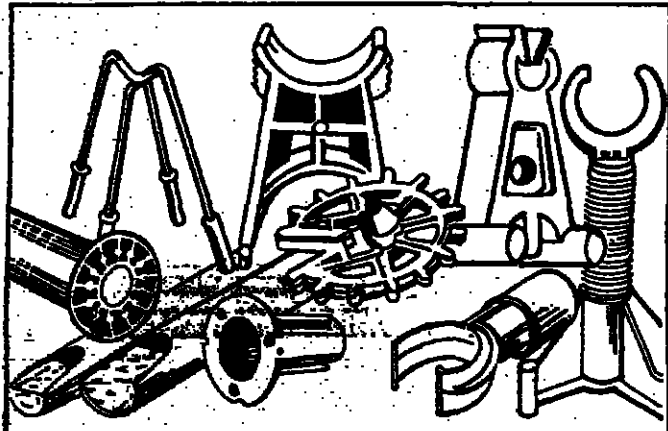
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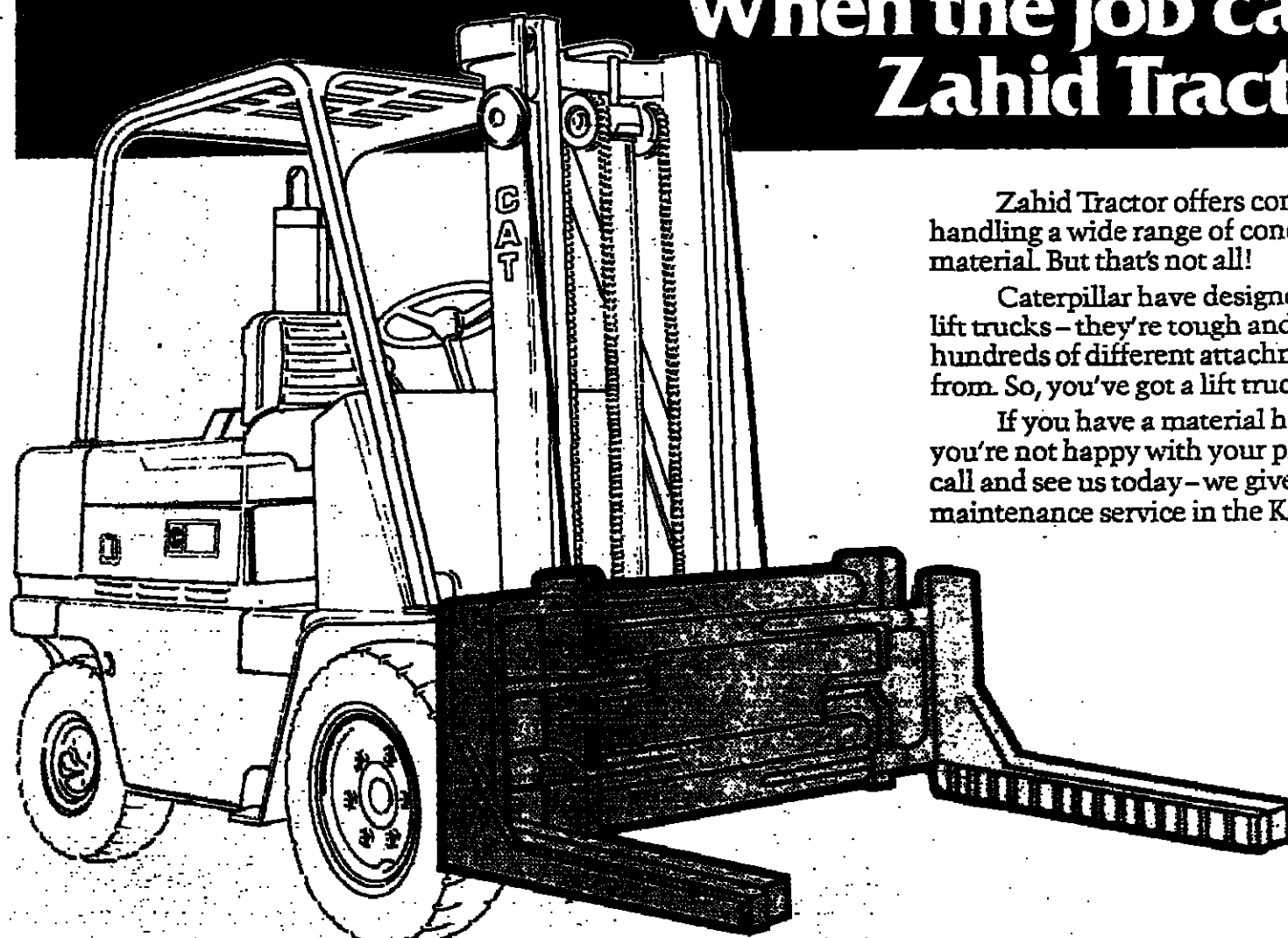
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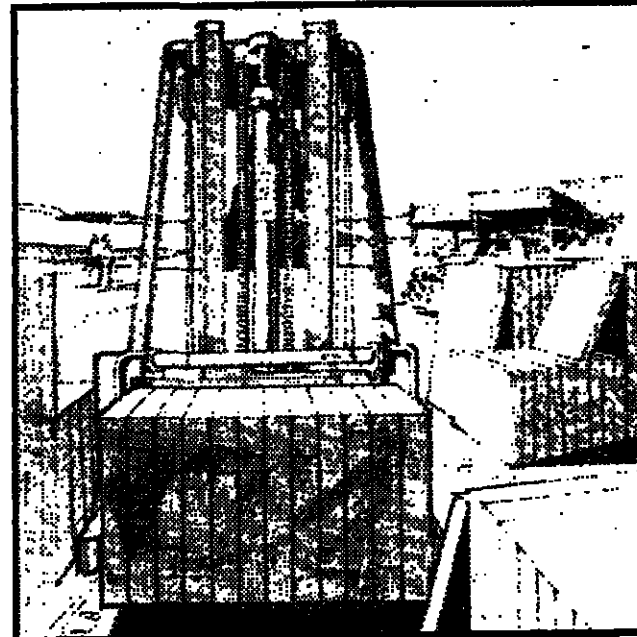
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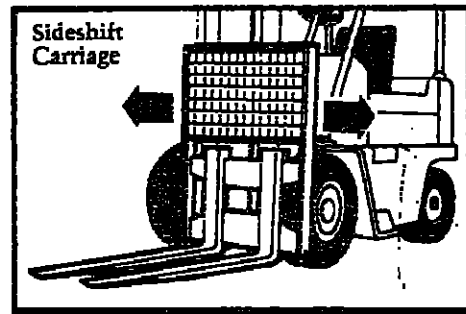
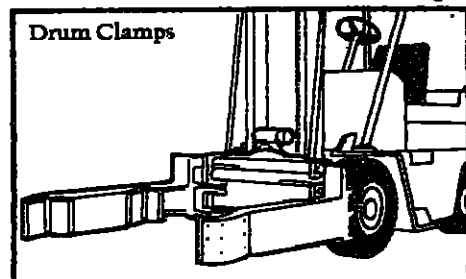
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Velayati concludes visit**India, Iran call for 'just' solution of Afghan issue**

NEW DELHI, May 2 (Agencies) — India and Iran Sunday called for a "just and comprehensive" settlement of the Afghan question based on withdrawal of "all foreign troops" and the principles of non-interference and non-intervention.

In a joint press statement here on talks Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati had with his Indian counterpart P.V. Narasimha Rao over the past four days, the two countries expressed "great concern" over the situation in Afghanistan. Velayati left for home Sunday morning.

Both countries urged "all concerned" to work for a settlement "which would ensure that the Afghan people would determine their own destiny free from outside interference." Afghanistan was among the topics that figured prominently in Velayati's wide-ranging talks with Indian leaders.

On the Iran-Iraq war, the statement said the Iranian side had given India its views. India expressed hope for a just solution in the near future. The two countries called for removal of great power presence from the Indian Ocean region, saying these constituted a threat to peace and increased tension.

They demanded implementation of the 1971 United Nations declaration describing the Indian Ocean as a zone of peace. The two foreign ministers also reaffirmed their support for what they called the legitimate struggle of the Palestinian people, with the Palest-

ine Liberation Organization (PLO) as their legitimate representative.

The statement said India and Iran added that the two ministers reviewed the international situation with particular reference to recent developments in their region and noted with "satisfaction" the similarity of their views in many spheres. The two countries agreed to set up an Indo-Iranian joint commission soon to boost bilateral relations in economic, trade, industrial, scientific, technological, cultural and other fields.

They also decided to sign a cultural agreement at an early date, and India offered to share its technical and scientific expertise with Iran.

Velayati reiterated that Iran would not attend the September summit meeting of non-aligned nations if it is held in Baghdad as scheduled. He said his government had been assured by several other nonaligned heads of state that they too would boycott the meeting if it is not moved from the Iraqi capital.

Velayati declined to say how many nations have promised to boycott the Baghdad meeting or to identify them. But he said that if the summit were held as planned, "it would be the weakest point" in the history of the non-aligned movement.

This is the first time that India and Iran, which have differing perceptions of the Afghan problem, have jointly asked for the withdrawal of Soviet troops.

Kuwait, UAE panel delays Aden visit

KUWAIT, May 2 (R) — The foreign ministers of Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) have postponed a visit they were to have made to Aden Saturday in a fresh attempt to reconcile South Yemen and Oman, government officials said.

The officials said the trip was put off because the Kuwaiti foreign minister, Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al Sabah, is preoccupied with the visits of the foreign ministers of Somalia and Pakistan.

The mediation visit would most likely take place later this week, the officials said. The Kuwaiti and the UAE ministers visited South Yemen and Oman last year to arrange a political reconciliation, but made little headway. The mission was organized by the year-old Gulf Cooperation Council, which includes Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the UAE, Oman, Bahrain and Qatar.

Shooting breaks out in Chad capital

NDJAMENA, May 2 (AFP) — Shooting broke out here at the weekend, spreading fears in the capital of a resumption of Chad's civil war.

Ndjamena's military police commander said the exchange of fire Friday night came after armed elements refused to hand over requisitioned military vehicles. The national radio station stopped broadcasting for ten minutes and spectators at two football stadiums fled.

The developments followed an announcement here of an imminent reshuffle of the

Violence claims 138 lives in Lebanon in April

BEIRUT, May 2 (R) — A total of 138 persons died violently and 37 explosions rocked faction-ridden Lebanon during April, the highest toll for any month this year, security and party sources said Sunday.

They attributed the high toll to gunbattles between the militias and Lebanese and Palestinian nationalists, in which 47 persons died, and Israeli air raids on Palestinian positions south of Beirut which killed 20 others. The rest died in various other factional clashes and non-political incidents, they said.

Meanwhile, Beirut state radio reported that a gunman shot his way into a Christian Maronite church in the northern city of Tripoli Sunday and then blew himself up with a hand grenade, killing a woman worshipper and wounding five other persons, Beirut state radio reported.

The radio said the gunman, identified as Omar Moustafa Al-Loz, entered the church carrying a pistol and a hand grenade and

demanded to speak to the priest. He went berserk when his call went unheeded and he began to fire into the church, the radio said. It reported the hand grenade then exploded killing him instantly.

The church bombing came one day after a Christian priest was shot and killed by unidentified gunmen in the mountain resort town of Aley. Last week, a prominent Muslim Sheikh was also shot and killed in West Beirut. The incidents threatened to refuel sectarian strife which in 1975 sparked a civil war in this Mediterranean nation of three million.

Somali front claims killing 300 Ethiopians

MOGADISHU, May 2 (Agencies) — More than 300 Ethiopian soldiers were killed in mid-April in desert clashes with the Western Somali Liberation Front, a front spokesman claimed here Sunday.

Abdi Sheikh said skirmishes over the last two months in Ogaden desert between Ethiopian troops and Muslim fighters escalated into a series of sharp clashes between April 13 and 15. These clashes, he said, occurred around the villages of Abdaley, Shilab, Garlooguba and Qarabey, about 482 km north of Mogadishu.

The spokesman claimed that two Ethiopian brigades and a militia battalion were involved in the fighting.

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AMMAN, (AFP) — The eldest member of the Jordanian royal family, Sherif Hussein Ben Nasser, died here Saturday night, the palace announced. He was 92. Sherif Hussein Ben Nasser was Jordanian prime minister several times, and had formerly served as head of the royal cabinet, minister and ambassador.

KARACHI, (AFP) — A senior minister of the Pakistani province of Sind, Mir Rasool Bux Talpur, died here Saturday night after a heart attack. He was the younger brother of Pakistani Defense Minister Ali Ahmad Khan Talpur, and had also served as governor of Sind during the People's Party government headed by the late Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

DOHA, (AFP) — Qatar and Morocco pledged Saturday to make every effort to iron out inter-Arab differences before the next Arab summit, to be held in Fez, Morocco, in November. A communique at the end of a four-day visit here by Moroccan Premier

Maati Bouabid, who is on a tour of Gulf states, also expressed "concern" at the continuing Iraq-Iran war and called for its end.

DAMASCUS, May 2 (R) — Hundreds of thousands of workers marched through Damascus streets Saturday with placards reading "no to (Egyptian President) Hosni Mubarak." Syria's official media has warned Jordan against joining the Camp David Middle East peace process following Israel's return of Sinai.

KHARTOUM, (AFP) — Israel's return of the Sinai to Egypt will not affect the political reasons which led African countries to break off relations with Tel Aviv, Chedly Ayari, director-general of the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa said here Saturday.

At a press conference after the annual meeting of the bank's governors, he condemned Zionism and apartheid but avoided tying aid from the bank to a country's policy on Israel, except in the case of formal diplomatic links.

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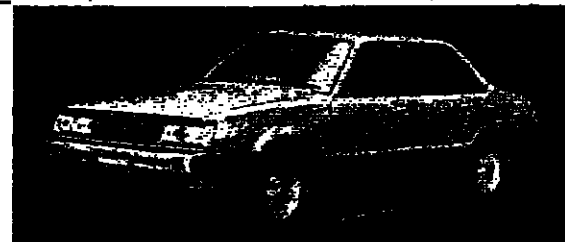
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TINDEMANS' M.E. TOUR

Belgian Foreign Minister Leo Tindemans, who is also the current chairman of the European Economic Community Ministerial Council, has been understandably cautious in his statements since the start of his fact-finding tour. He is seeking to feel the pulse of the region but has not said anything to indicate that a new so-called European initiative on the Middle East is in the making.

He referred to the guarded Venice Declaration which was carefully received by some Arabs, rejected by the PLO and Israel and scorned by the previous American administration. President Carter was then in power and wanted to see nothing that did not conform exactly with his Camp David accords, which, according to him, were the climax of his short presidential career.

Since then, the Europeans have been lying low. So have most of the Arabs, the U.S. but not Israel. Apart from the withdrawal from Sinai, which is not even unconditional, Israel has been showing increasing signs of ferocity. The U.S., under Reagan, has been waiting to see the withdrawal through, and to prevent the resumption of hostilities along the Lebanese border. Little else has been forthcoming while Reagan first was embroiled in Central America which is rapidly slipping from American control, and currently in the Falklands which is threatening to develop into a major conflict next door.

In the meantime, the Arabs have been weakening themselves on their own volition. Apart from the GCC which was the finest silver lining in the past couple of years, the situation has been depressing for reasons only too well known. They might at least learn a lesson in solidarity from the Europeans who have stood by Britain in its dispute with Argentina while the Americans declared a full and unequivocal support for their ally.

Tindemans' visit must be viewed as purely exploratory and it would be misleading to read much into it at this stage. It may even be a placatory trip to show the Arabs that the Europeans are still genuinely interested in a just solution of the intractable Middle East question. They may well be, when the Arabs themselves are resolved to close their ranks, determined to achieve their goals and to hurt those who oppose them or help their enemy thwart their plans.

Saudi Arabian press review

Sunday's newspapers expressed confidence that the Kingdom's diplomatic initiatives at the international level would help greatly to realize the just Arab and Islamic rights.

Al-Bilad said, Saudi Arabia's sound foreign policy represents the Kingdom's responsibility and concern toward Islamic issues throughout the world.

The paper referred to the recent talks between King Khalid and the Ruler of Bahrain Sheikh Isa Bin Salman Al-Khalifa which it said reflected the Kingdom's deep concern to unify Arab ranks and restore solidarity among Arab states to resolve collectively the Arab fati issue.

It urged the Arabs to face collectively the Israeli challenges in the Middle East and the aggressive Zionist actions against the Lebanese and Palestinian people.

Al-Nadwa said the visit of Belgian Foreign Minister Leo Tindemans to Saudi Arabia as part of a fact-finding mission on behalf of the European Economic Community's Ministerial Council "reflects the Kingdom's concern to highlight to the council the

realities of the Middle East region and the just cause of the Palestinians."

The paper deplored the EEC decision to abandon the Venice Declaration on the Mideast issue. It expressed hope that Europe would play a vital role in seeking a just and comprehensive solution to the Mideast problem and preserve its vital interests in the Arab world.

Al-Madinah expressed confidence Tindemans' visit to the Kingdom would help "European states to understand the Arab viewpoint from all aspects and encourage strong Euro-Arab relations based on justice and right."

The paper said the EEC envoy should report to the council the realities of the Middle East region in an honest way, including the Israeli aggression in the area and the Zionist oppressive practices against Palestinian Arabs in the occupied Arab territories.

It added that Europe should abandon "the hostile stand toward the Arabs who helped the European states to overcome their economic and energy difficulties." (SPA)

The strategic importance of Taiwan

By Ko Tun-Hwa

TAIPEI — After visiting President Chiang Kai-shek in the summer of 1950, U.S. Gen. Douglas MacArthur stressed the importance of defending Taiwan as an "unsinkable aircraft carrier." Gen. MacArthur said the loss of Taiwan "might well force our Western frontiers back to the coasts of California, Oregon and Washington." His long experience in the Far East enabled him to make a highly professional judgment as to the strategic importance and usefulness of Taiwan, which was used by the Japanese in advancing against the Philippines and other areas of Southeast Asia during the Pacific war. Taiwan is close to both the Ryukyus and the Philippines. As a plane leaves the southern tip of Taiwan, the Philippines come into view. In unfriendly hands, Taiwan would constitute a grave threat to the Philippines and other countries of Southeast Asia. In democratic hands, Taiwan helps to assure the security of the free world.

The Vietnam war demonstrated the value of Taiwan in a supporting role for U.S. military operations in Southeast Asia. The United States stationed a wing of C130 transport aircraft and a KC135 tanker squadron at Ching Chuan Kang, a huge air base in the west central part of Taiwan. The C130s provided airlift support of U.S. forces in Vietnam. The tankers refueled B52s carrying out bombing missions. Beginning in 1962, the United States stationed a detachment of the 405th Fighter Wing (part of the 13th Air Force based at Clark Field in the Philippines) at the Chinese air base at Taiwan and added another detachment in 1969. Taiwan also provided outstanding overhaul and repair facilities for U.S. fighter aircraft, tanks and armored personnel carriers. The Taiwan repair facilities were much closer to Vietnam than those of Japan.

As an important base for the democratic world, Taiwan links the Indian and Pacific Oceans strategically. It affords unsinkable runways, shelter for ships and various logistical facilities as well as sizable and strong combat-ready forces. The geopolitical importance of Taiwan is beyond question. During the Vietnam war, a military observer at the ports of Taiwan could see Chinese transports returning with cargoes of wrecked tanks and vehicles. The same Chinese vessels then returned to Vietnam loaded with war material that had been restored to as-good-as-new usefulness.

Additionally, Taiwan has excellent ports to support naval operations, including those of training, recreation, drydocking, repairs and refueling. Bases are essential to a navy, even though a nuclear-powered vessel may circumnavigate the globe several times. A fleet may remain at sea for several months but eventually must put into port to refresh personnel and repair machinery. Fleets and bases are complementary. The greatness of the British Empire was made possible by its control of a huge chain of strategic bases. When the bases were lost, the empire fell.

Geographical proximity, economic interests, historical connections and U.S. policy have resulted in strong ties between Taiwan and Japan. The Japanese were strong supporters of the Republic of China's membership in the United Nations before the ROC withdrawal in 1971. When the Japanese government sought to normalize relations with Communist China in 1972, Japan resorted to an unprecedented and unorthodox approach to the continued maintenance of relations with the two countries. The Interchange Association was established in Japan and the East Asia Relations Association in Taiwan to continue the relationship. Although imperfect, this pragmatic scheme became the model for the continued maintenance of relationship between the United States and the Republic of China after diplomatic relations were severed at the start of 1979. These organizations perform most of the functions of diplomatic missions. They promote trade and tourism, foster academic, cultural and athletic exchanges, and assure the safety of ships, aircraft and fishing boats entering U.S. and ROC territory.

The Japanese have sought to develop fruitful relationships on both sides of the Taiwan Straits. They are aware, however, that the location of Taiwan gives it great strategic importance to their own chain of islands. Any change in the status of Taiwan would be to Japan's disadvantage. In turn, Japan's security and development are essential to the peace of the Far East and the world. Article 6 of the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty authorizes the United States to use facilities in Japan to maintain the peace and security of the Far East, of which Taiwan is a part.

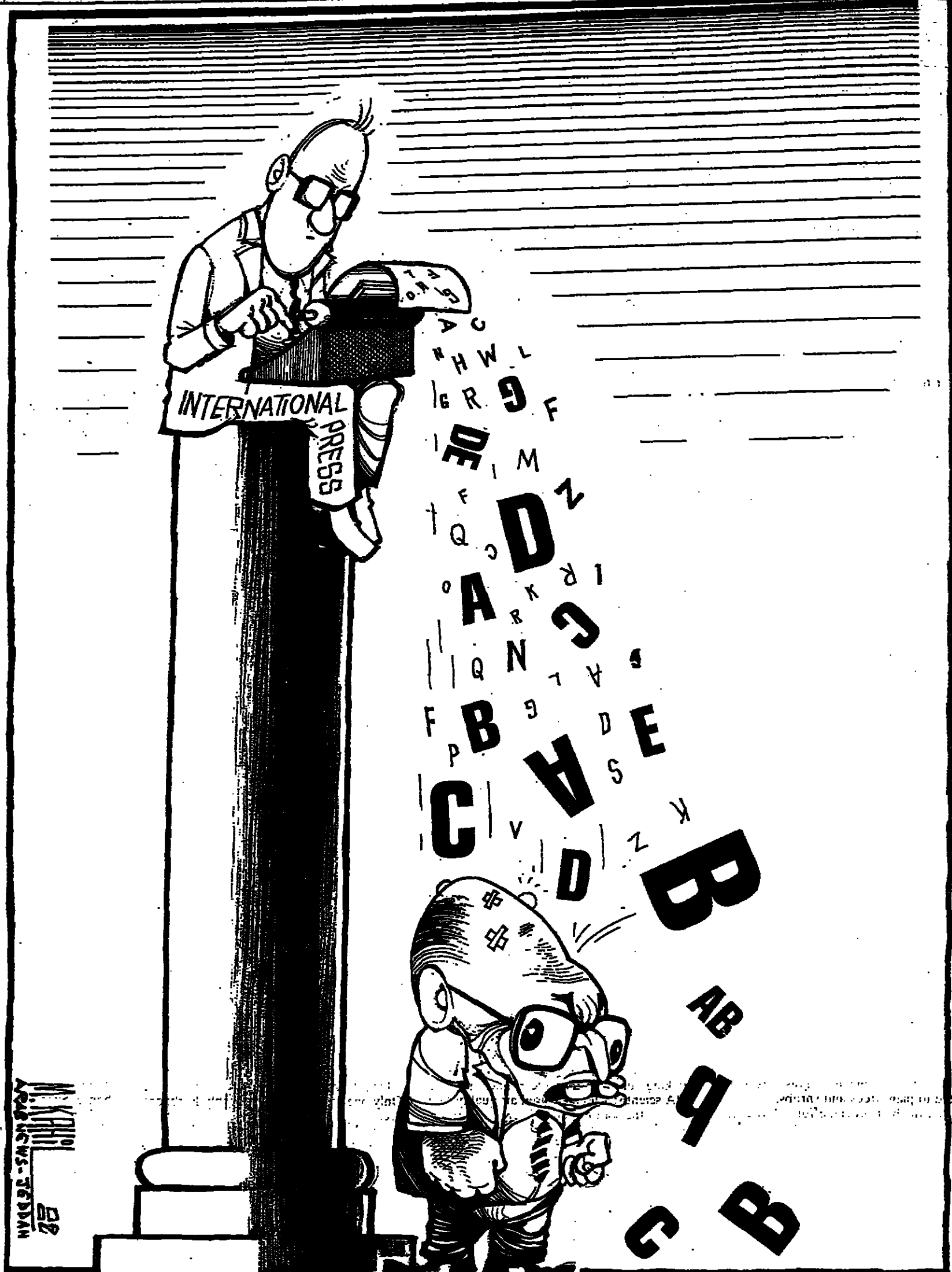
In military sense, Taiwan is an unsinkable aircraft carrier in the Western Pacific. It was used by the Japanese in World War II as a base for attack on the Philippines and their further advance in Southeast Asia. Japanese aircraft based in Taiwan bombed many cities in China. Japanese ships operating out of Taiwan harbors blockaded the China coast. In the Vietnam war, Taiwan was a base for U.S. air operations and a valuable logistical supply center. With strong standing forces and a reserve of more than 3 million ready for instant mobilization, Taiwan helps preserve and protect the free world. It has air bases, good harbors and fortresses dedicated to the free world cause. Its ports can serve navies which must be supplied from land bases. It assures the free flow of strategic materials along the seaboards of the democratic world.

Although many of the Republic of China's former allies have been drawn away by new developments, the ROC is not isolated in the diplomatic sphere but has substantial relations with more than 100 countries. The free Chinese have shown the power and creativeness in adjusting to the new environment. Traditional diplomatic relations have been replaced by other ties that preserve real relationships with friendly nations. By whatever name, the Republic of China is a major entity in the international world. It is bigger and stronger than most of the other countries which are members of the United Nations. Taiwan can be compared with Hong Kong in terms of continuous economic prosperity, but unlike Hong Kong it is not waiting to be reclaimed and repossessed. Aware of its important strategic position, the Republic of China will play its own role in the future and decide its own destiny.

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Thatcher gets boost over handling of Falklands

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The writer is an assistant editor of *The Economist*, the British newsmagazine.)

By John Grimond

LONDON — The talk here, of course, has been about self-determination, the need to resist armed aggression and the folly of letting dictators thumb their noses at the laws and customs of international behavior. But for British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher more than lofty principles has been involved: her own political survival and, perhaps, that of Britain's entire Conservative government is at stake.

She is secure today, certainly more secure than she was on April 2, the day the news broke that the Argentines had taken over the Falkland Islands. But it is too soon to say that her job is entirely safe. The government was caught with its pants down. Recognition of that led to the resignation of the foreign secretary, Lord Carrington — hitherto regarded as one of the few unqualified successes of Thatcher's cabinet — and of his entire Foreign Office team. But, given the inherent difficulties of getting from this semi-clad posture to one in which you are able to look your adversary in the eye, the government has done remarkably well.

The dispatch of the naval force and the apparent smoothness with which the operation got under way did the trick. The more bellicose members of the House of Commons — most of them, like Thatcher, Tories — were pleased by this show of force. But so, also, were those of a more pacific nature, for nearly everyone realizes that the threat of force is necessary if the dispute is to be settled by negotiation — and the threat would not be credible unless ships and men were sent to sea.

Thus, Thatcher, frequently criticized for her divisiveness, enjoys a wider degree of support, both in the House of Commons and in the country at large, than any prime minister has on such a major issue

for more than 30 years. There is none of the rancor and bitterness, for instance, let alone the cogent criticism, that surrounded the ill-fated Suez expedition in 1956, the last occasion on which Britain let slip its dogs of war on such a venture.

Her support, however, can be of only limited comfort to the prime minister. First, it extends merely to the handling of the Falklands dispute. The opposition parties in the House of Commons are presenting a united front with Thatcher on this issue, but they remain as critical of the government as ever on others — notably unemployment and the state of the economy.

Public opinion is harder to gauge. A poll taken on April 14th — about 10 days into the crisis — suggested that some 60 percent of those questioned were satisfied with the government's handling of the dispute but that most people had divorced it from other political problems on their minds. The Falklands saga had not apparently altered their voting intentions in the event of an election (which need not be called for another two years). The three main parties were neck and neck, with the Tories just out ahead (34 percent), Labor second (33 percent) and the Liberal-Social Democratic Alliance third (30 percent).

Those figures suggested that voting intentions had not changed since before the crisis broke. A week later, however, the same poll reported that the same voters favored the Tories by 6 percentage points over Labor (36 percent to 30 percent), with support for the Liberal-SDP alliance pretty steady at 31 percent.

This second poll also showed an increase in the degree of public satisfaction with the government's handling of the crisis and no weakening in the voters' readiness to see force used. But Thatcher cannot be confident that national resolve will necessarily remain firm indefinitely.

No one quite knows what will happen if no set-

tlement is reached soon. At present, both parliament and the public seem to have the stomach for some exchange of gunfire. No one doubts that Thatcher does. Heavy losses or, worse, a total military debacle are another matter. More likely, but possibly also politically damaging, would be a long drawn-out affair in which an honorable settlement was denied the British while they were powerless to recapture the islands. Even if they were recaptured, their continued defense in the face of a hostile Argentina would present enormous problems — and enormous expense.

That is why a negotiated settlement is so important to Thatcher. Britain is not interested in the islands *per se*, as both Labor and Tory governments have made clear to the Argentines over the years. No one in Britain wants to send the navy across the world just so that sheep may safely graze. But the islands have, in the past always balked at any handover to the Argentines and there has been enough sympathy for them in parliament to prevent any government from attempting to do a deal without the islands' agreement. Their wishes are still a paramount factor in the dispute for Thatcher, but it is assumed that recent events would have concentrated their minds about the long-term prospects of staying securely British. Britain has been caught in the unhappy position in the Falklands of holding responsibility without power.

A hideous disaster would undoubtedly damage the Tories. The party sorely feels the loss of Lord Carrington, whose appeal to the middle ground of British politics was strong. A reasonable success would, correspondingly, do the party some good, if only in terms of morale. There would, however, inevitably be regrets at the needless loss of Lord Carrington as well as a potentially embarrassing inquest about the diplomatic miscalculation that precipitated the affair. (LAT)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, May 3rd, the 123rd day of 1982. There are 242 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1859 — France declares war on Austria.

1945 — Allied troops enter Hamburg, Germany, in World War II.

1977 — The United States and Vietnam open talks in Paris aimed at normalizing relations two years after Communist takeover of Saigon.

1981 — In a Rome meeting with NATO foreign ministers, U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig hints America will seek discussions with the Soviet Union on limiting nuclear weapons based in Europe.

Thought for today: Fortune is not on the side of the faint hearted — Sophocles, Greek dramatist (about 496-406 B.C.)

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Ecological 'basket case'

Chain of man-made natural disasters destroyed Peking

By Michael Weiskopf

PEKING, (WP) — The birds disappeared 25 years ago, then the grass and shrubs, for reasons that could only have made sense in China at the time. The birds were systematically exterminated for eating farmers' seeds. Sparrows and bulbuls by the millions dropped dead of exhaustion as people beat pots, banged gongs and exploded firecrackers to keep them from resting on tree limbs.

Peking's greenery was uprooted in a later search-and-destroy mission designed to rid the city of insects by wiping out their breeding grounds. The pests had become a health menace because there were no longer birds to eat them.

A European diplomat who has suffered chronic intestinal and respiratory miseries for the past three years jokingly suggested that city officials post a sign at the airport saying, "Living in Peking may be dangerous to your health."

Now, the first thing you notice about spring in Peking is how much it looks like winter — bald and birdless. A park in April is lasting testimony to the chain of man-made and natural disasters that have turned China's capital into an ecological basket case.

The city of 9 million, which has survived centuries of war, foreign occupation and political changes, is dying of self-abuse. It is choking on foul air and dust storms, drying up from an epochal drought and gagging on contaminated water and human filth.

Communist officials, whose crash industrialization and social neglect have upset Peking's balance of nature over the past three decades, have recently begun to realize the suicidal effects and become born-again ecologists.

The city has banned the construction of new heavy industry, ordered polluters to clean up their emissions and forced some factories to ration water.

Peking citizens once mobilized to kill birds and pull out every blade of grass are now exhorted to plant trees and shrubs. Despite the best official efforts, however, Chinese and foreign experts believe that reversing Peking's environmental degradation will be as difficult as bringing back the songbirds.

An American Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) scientist visiting Peking two years ago conducted a spot air quality test and found pollution six times greater than is considered safe. He sent his findings to a friend at the U.S. Embassy here with a suggestion that he keep the data on hand "for the next time you have to justify your hardship differential."

A fresh glass of water upon analysis could pass for a test tube of toxic chemicals. The 1.6 million tons of raw sewage and industrial waste dumped daily into city streams pollutes underground water supplies with harmful amounts of mercury, cyanide, cobalt and benzene, according to Chinese reports.

Profligate industrial use of water plus the worst drought in 100 years have dried up a third of the city's wells, lowered the water table by three yards last year and caused an increase in the nitric acid content of drinking water.

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Bicycle riders cover their faces with surgical masks and nylon scarves to keep from

breathing coal dust. No one drinks the water before boiling it. Youngsters have few green spots for play.

In the 18th century reports from Peking described the "goodness" of the city's air and the meticulous cleanliness that made it "free of epidemics."

Over the past 200 years, Peking has evolved from a gentle town of royal families and Mandarin scholars into a gritty industrial giant, which produces 80 percent of everything it consumes.

Like many Western cities, Peking grew without an eye to aesthetics or human need. Population has rocketed sixfold since 1949, and whole neighborhoods popped up without planning for sewers, roads or water.

The pressures of population in a city that offers each person 15 square feet of living space intensify the environmental problems. Trying to expand their crowded living quarters, many Peking residents have added small wooden or brick structures to their houses, extending them into the narrow alleyways that serve as streets. The unauthorized building has caused a major sanitation problem by blocking garbage and night soil trucks from entering.

City officials are considering forming a sanitation police force to ensure the removal from public latrines of the 2,500 tons of night soil that accumulates daily and is supposed to be sent to farms as fertilizer.

Government regulators already have taken emergency measures to conserve dwindling water resources. In addition to rationing for several dozen industries, the city has installed water meters in some offices, schools and army barracks to cut down usage.

With the water supply diminishing, the dangerous impact of pollutants has grown substantially. The official *Health News* magazine, which issued the long list of drinking water contaminants, reported that the mercury content of fish in some areas exceeds government limits by 40 percent.

While cooking purifies water and food, it is more difficult to filter the air one breathes in Peking.

Most air pollution comes from the coal-burning stoves used for heating and cooking. According to the *Peking Evening News*, the ovens pump enough soot into the air each year to fill more than 6,000 railroad cars.

Tons of coal dust spewed out daily create what is known among foreign residents as "Peking lung" — chronic bronchitis. The U.S. scientist who measured air quality said the soot is made of very small particles with pervasive effects on lungs.

On most days, smog is so thick it is impossible to see the hills that flank the city on the west. The coal residue mixed with what Chinese specialists say are high levels of sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide and nitrogen oxide almost always make breathing difficult.

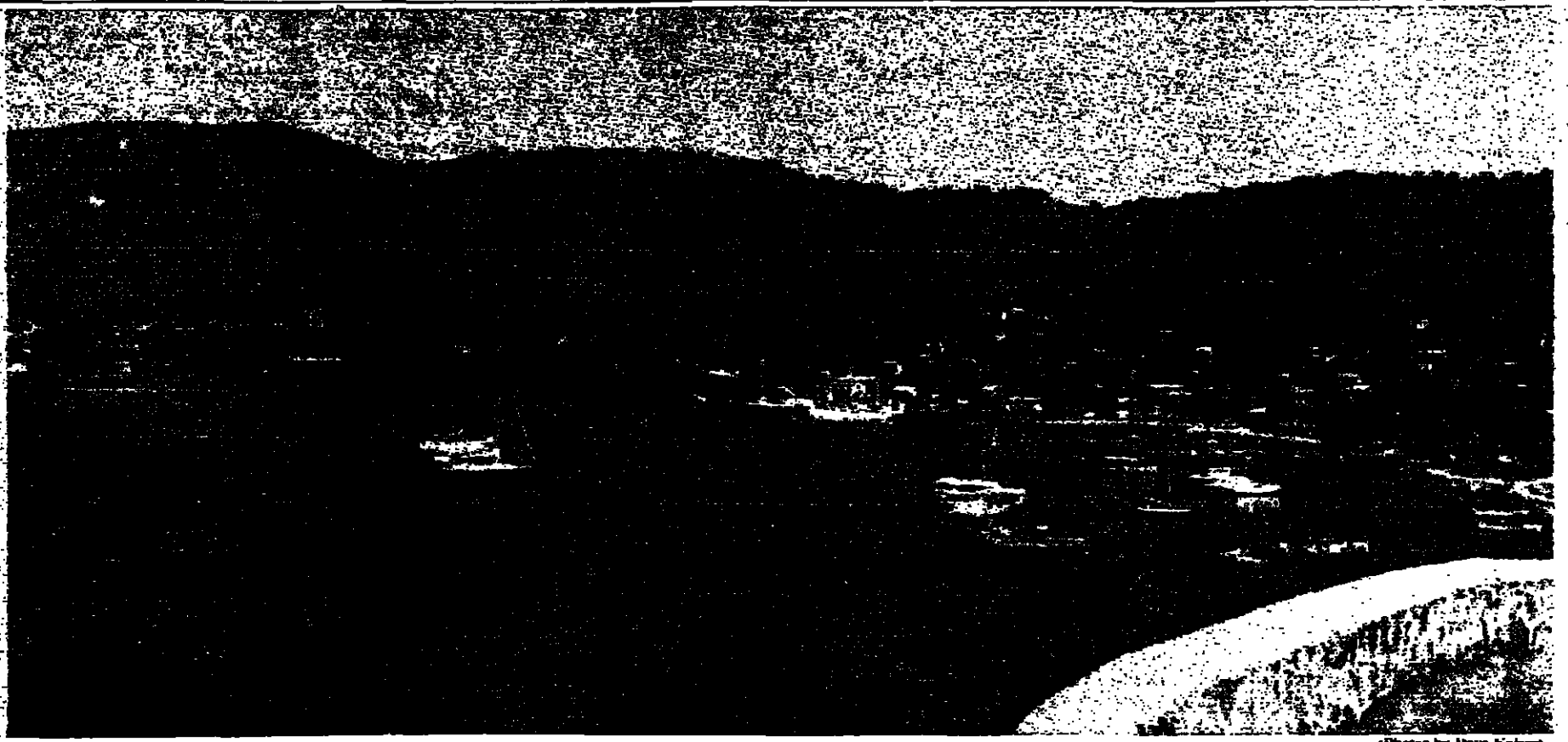
The difficulty multiplies every spring when vicious dust storms blow in sand from the Mongolian desert. The dust moves unobstructed through treeless sections of Peking, finding its way into window cracks, nostrils and lungs. Sometimes goggles are needed to see a few feet.

As Chinese scientists and municipal officials have gained exposure to pollution problems and remedies in other parts of the world, they have moved with greater urgency to tackle Peking's woes.

Last February, the Academy of Sciences started the "urban ecosystem research project," which was called a "major scientific item" with the goal of making Peking more livable.

The project, which will recommend measures for cleaning up Peking, was described as "urgent and of great importance" because of the city's role as the nation's political and diplomatic center and because "it is a place that people throughout China look to as a model."

Even the city's greatest boosters would agree that, as urban models go, Peking needs work.



DOMINICA HARBOR: This view of one of Dominica's harbors is one of the least mountainous parts of the island. The island has small black beaches and its mountains are often obscured in the clouds. Its roads are often impassible even when they are in good repair.

Inoculated against 'Marxist virus'

Dominica prime minister ignores coup attempts, she maintains control, aspires to help her people

By Susan Page

ROSEAU, Dominica (LAT) — Prime Minister Mary Eugenia Charles first received word that a coup was under way on this tiny Caribbean island one night in December when a friend who lived next door to police headquarters called at 3 a.m. to say he could hear gunfire.

She suspected the shooting came from disgruntled army officers who had lost their commissions — indeed, the entire 99-member defense force had been disbanded — after a coup planned by a bizarre coalition of neo-Nazis, Ku Klux Klansmen, marijuana growers, the army and the ousted prime minister had been thwarted a few months earlier.

This time, there had been no warning. Charles called police officers at their homes, ordering them to set up temporary headquarters at the Princess Margaret Hospital. Police Chief Oliver Philip already had been wounded, though, and most of the island's arms were stored in the armory inside the police compound — clearly the prize the attackers wanted.

So she telephoned leaders of other Caribbean islands, she recalled in a recent interview, asking them to fly in arms when dawn broke. Only one responded — probably Barbados, according to U.S. State Department sources — but by then the police station had been recaptured.

The armory locks had withstood attempts to smash them with axes. The prime minister was still in power.

Charles, 62, tells the story with a sort of ironic good humor, like a mother relating a

tale of some past family episode. There have been other dramas, after all: not only two unsuccessful coups in the last few years but also two devastating hurricanes that destroyed nearly every roof and snapped off the tops of the banana and coconut trees that provide the island's economic mainstays.

Dominica is a green speck on a blue sea, incredibly lush and terribly poor. Located between Martinique and Guadeloupe, it is the largest and least developed of the Windward Islands, with little industry and less tourism. The 80,000 residents, most of them descendants of African slaves brought in colonial times to cut cane and harvest spice, average an annual income of \$410.

When President Reagan visited Jamaica and Barbados recently the prime minister invited him to tour her island, too. "But let's put it politely," she said, "it was too late to change his program."

Instead, Charles went to see him, at a meeting and working luncheon at the American ambassador's residence in Barbados with four other Caribbean leaders — Prime Minister Vere Cornwall Bird of Antigua and Barbuda, Prime Minister J.M.G.M. (Tom) Adams of Barbados, Premier Kennedy Simmonds of St. Christopher-Nevis and Prime Minister Robert Milton Cato of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Reagan warned them of the Marxist "virus" that already had spread from Cuba to Grenada. "I think we're inoculated against that virus," replied Charles, who describes herself as a liberal democrat and anti-Communist. "What we need is jobs."



SULFUR FUMES: Dominica is not only the scene of frequent hurricane devastation but also has earthquakes and volcanic activity is always a threat. This bubbling lake is actually the outlet of one of the island's active volcanoes.

What Dominica also needs are good roads, reliable electricity, a deepwater port, and an airstrip long enough for the jets that would bring tourists and carry away manufactured goods. Without this basic infrastructure, Reagan's Caribbean plan to encourage foreign investment and free trade means little to places like Dominica, where the bananas that account for most of the foreign exchange are damaged by the time they reach the port because roads are so rutted.

Since Hurricane David in 1979 and Hurricane Allen in 1980, Charles has been forced to concentrate on making the narrow roads that often wind through jungle passable again. That task is nearly done now, with a patchwork of aid from the Europeans, the Canadians, OPEC and the World Bank. The final grant of \$8 million from the United States is near final approval.

And next? "If I had the \$10 million," she said, "I would spend \$7 million to restore the banana industry and \$3 million for a new processing plant." She was referring to the \$10 million in additional aid proposed in the administration's Caribbean basin initiative for all the east Caribbean islands next year. Dominica surely will receive only a portion of that, she realizes.

She is a tall woman with strong hands and the gravity of a judge. She was the first woman lawyer on the island, the first woman prime minister in the region. U.S. officials say she is scrupulously honest and disconcertingly direct. There is not a trace of arrogance about her, but she is not the sort of person who can be intimidated — not by an American president, not by a devastating hurricane, not by the death threats that have prompted her police chief to station two officers with rifles at her home around the clock.

The prime minister's official residence, in the fashionable Morne Bruce neighborhood of the island's foreign bankers and businessmen, was damaged in the 1979 hurricane and has never been repaired. Charles continues to

live in her family's large, simple home in this capital city, rising early each morning to make breakfast for her 106-year-old father.

She was 48 years old, well-established and non-political when the island's dominant Labor Party passed a sedition law in 1968 to crack down on dissent. That so alarmed her, she said, that she helped form the Freedom Party. Joining the Legislature in 1971, she led the opposition to the government of Patrick John, who brought the country to independence from Britain in 1978.

His regime was wracked by scandal, and he was driven from office in 1979 after a BBC documentary charged that his plans for industrialization included an oil refinery that would benefit South Africa. His go-between was said to be Sydney Burnett-Alleyne, a convicted gunrunner, and they were believed to be in cahoots with the Rastafarian marijuana-growers on the island.

The freedom party's landslide in 1980 — winning 17 of the Parliament's 21 seats — made Charles prime minister.

The first of the two attempted coups against her came less than a year later, when John and Burnett-Alleyne joined forces with neo-Nazis and Ku Klux Klansmen to try to take over the island by force.

What she can't understand Charles said jokingly, is why anyone would want to take over an island with as little wealth and as many problems as this one.

Dominica (Dom-in-ee-ka), was passed between the British and French for centuries, and the residents speak both English and a French patois.

Slack brochures printed by the Dominica Tourist Board promote it as "the nature island of the Caribbean" and list attractions like the boiling lake, a cauldron of bubbling water enveloped in a cloud of vapor which can be reached only by a six-mile hike. It is located in the Valley of Desolation, where sulfur fumes have killed everything except the lizards and cockroaches.

Prison awaits them

Haitians save amid poverty, hope for better life in U.S.

By Randall Hackley

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — At kilometer 18 on Haiti's main highway, Antoine Croix bends over on the bare dirt floor of his cardboard house and surveys his life savings. Methodically, a callused hand knocking flies from his graying head, he counts out 41 U.S. dollars worth of soiled gourdes, the local currency. In a creole dialect, he says, "for Miami."

He stands shakily and waves toward the emerald-colored sea and an island off shore. The 49-year-old man then points to his two infant sons, wrestling naked on the ground, and cups his hand in the shape of a vessel.

The point is made — he plans to travel with his sons to Miami.

Some 55,000 Haitians have reached the United States since 1972, prompting President Ronald Reagan's administration to begin a toughened program of interception-at-sea.

Dozens have died in the attempt. Those who reach Florida are put in camps to await court decisions on whether they are political refugees, as they claim, or economic refugees, as U.S. immigration officials contend. Now, only refugees fleeing political persecution may stay in the United States.

"My people, they can be very naive," says Herve Supplice, a Haitian studying business at Miami-Dade Community College. "They think Miami is paradise, that it is where money falls from trees."

Trees are among the scarce commodities in Haiti, where forests are disappearing as residents seek material for building and for fires. And without trees, heavy rains destroy farmland by washing fertile topsoil to the sea.

Travel through Haiti means constant contact with misery and malnutrition. Port-Au-Prince is a decaying slum, its population swelled toward 2 million by farmers forced from eroding land.

Haiti has not recovered from Hurricane Allen, which struck in August 1980. The coffee crop that makes up a major share of the island's income — tourism, sugar cane, textiles and rice comprise most of the remainder — was cut in half. Food prices rose 30 percent.

Jean-Claude Duvalier, Haiti's president-

for-life, presides over a right-wing government in the nation of 4.9 million. The World Bank says the average Haitian earns the equivalent of \$306 the lowest in the Western hemisphere.

With imports outpacing export by 33 percent in 1980 and two years of near-drought, Haitian poverty during a time of worldwide economic problems has been magnified, officials say.

Tourism is down 60 percent from last year. Etienne Pagnol, a waiter at Mont Joli, a 55-room inn overlooking the Cap Haitien Harbor, considers himself lucky. "But this year, because so many people aren't coming, I'll either have to work for less money or find a new job."

Haiti once was an exotic vacation stop frequented by Caribbean cruise ships and European jet-setters enchanted by kaleidoscopic paintings and beaches.

Now the stark beauty of this mountainous nation, which occupies the western third of Hispaniola, an island discovered by Columbus in 1492 and shared with the Dominican Republic, is dimmed by poverty.

To make ends meet, many Haitians pack sturdy bags with charcoal they make and leave them on the roadside for drivers in gaily painted trucks to transport to Port-Au-Prince for sale. They also double over in the sun cutting roadside weeds with machetes to earn money.

The roads seem filled with beggars. Beggars on the highway, hands pathetically waving toward the passersby, beggars coming out of the fields, beggars teaching their children how to beg.

Refugees have become Haiti's chief export. As many as 1 million people born on this island now live abroad, officials estimate.

For some here, word of detention in the United States raises questions. "We hear Haitians aren't liked in America," says car rental clerk Marcel Lacombe. "Why are they put in prison? What have they done wrong? Is it because Haitians are black?"

None of it matters to Antoine Croix. His only concern is that the seas will subside long enough for him and his sons to attempt a crossing. "If God wants it, we will make it to Miami," he said.

Soloist strikes out on his own

Lake overcoming 'pretentious' image of ELP

By Dennis Hunt

HOLLYWOOD, (LAT) — How do you spell pretentious? E-m-e-r-s-o-n, L-a-k-e-a-n-d-P-a-l-m-e-r. There was a lot of truth in this catty old joke. Although just about every progressive-rock group can be labeled pretentious, ELP (Keith Emerson, Greg Lake and Carl Palmer) deserved that label more than most.

A subgroup through most of the '70s, ELP was best known for its gaudy classical adaptations. Emerson, whose keyboard playing was often called pseudo high-brow, was the most frequent target of critics' slings and arrows. They used to say that Emerson didn't know how to play anything simply. Ask him to play the scale, the jokesters said snidely, and he'll give you a 20-minute version.

Although ELP is now defunct and its members are solo artists, memories of its pretensions linger on. Lake — singer, guitarist, bassist, producer and composer — commented on the bothersome specter of his former group.

"People expect my music to sound like ELP's," said Lake, who is big, boisterous and unusually bright. "It doesn't. My solo album (*Greg Lake*) is rock 'n' roll and very accessible. You can't call this pretentious or high brow. This isn't ELP music, I'm through with that."

The 34-year-old Englishman, who records for Chrysalis, said he was thankful to be away from the busy grind and was looking forward to a short, recuperative vacation at home — a rustic hideaway in the lush farm country near London.

Since ELP folded three years ago, Lake has been away from performing. "It's hard to get used to all this again," he said. "Particularly on this level."

As a solo artist, he has been playing small balls, which is quite a comedown for him. "I won't give you the standard line about how nice it is to play smaller, more intimate places," he said. "I'm used to playing to 20,000 people. I liked that. It's about seven times better than playing before 3,000 people."

Many thought Lake, rather than tackling a solo career, would opt for the relative safety of another supergroup. After all, he's spent most of his career in well-known bands. Lake was in King Crimson in the late '60s, the group's most fertile period. But when two members who were fed up with traveling dropped out, so did Lake. He wasn't idle long. In 1970, when rock fans were still excited by the supergroup concept, Lake teamed up with Emerson of the Nice and Palmer from Atomic Rooster.

Lake hasn't had to fend for himself in the rock combat zone since the '60s. So why did he choose a solo career this time rather than the security of another group?

"Those days of forming instant supergroups are over," he replied. "Most of the time putting together big names from different groups didn't work anyway. The chemistry was usually wrong. When I left ELP, I got a lot of phone calls from people right away asking me to join bands. I could have formed a band with a few superstar people I know. But I wanted to try this on my own to see if I

could do it. If I'm a success it will be mainly because of me. If I fail, it'll be mainly because of me. That's a different position for me to be in, so I find it interesting."

So far, Lake's solo career has only been a modest success. His album, *Greg Lake*, inched its way to the middle of the top 100. He was scheduled to open some shows for Foreigner — valuable exposure for a new solo artist — but that deal went sour.

"I'm ready for setbacks," he said. "I didn't expect to be an overnight success."

ELP's breakup at the end of 1978 was one of the quietest supergroup splits ever. "We didn't make any official announcement," Lake recalled. "We just figured that we'd talk about the end of the group when each of us had something new to talk about, too, like our new solo careers. Also, there was no big announcement because there was no big moment when we all said, 'it's over.' It happened gradually. It didn't end with a big fight. It just slowly faded."

The split actually began in the mid-'70s. The beginning of the end was apparent to many in 1977 when ELP recorded *Works*, a two-record set that included a solo side by each member and only one group side.

"That album was a compromise," Lake said. "I'm totally against solo albums by members of a group. It's unhealthy and enhances feelings of separation. If you're in a band you're in a band. If you're a solo artist, you're a solo artist. Don't mix the two."

ELP's final album, *Love Beach* — arguably its worst — was released in November 1978.

Boredom is in the eye of the beholder

Excitement couldn't exist without the routine

By Y. Tahir

JEDDAH — Out of all the complaints heard most often, those about boredom and depression are the commonest. What is the cause for this? Well the easiest and the most satisfactory explanation is that the daily routine is responsible.

Ask anyone and he will say that he is sick of the daily routine. He wants to get away from it all. Routine means to repeat the same tasks everyday with the mechanical, monotonous regularity of the hands of a clock. No doubt, most people find that routine is depressing and boring.

Routine makes our lives dull, drab and colorless; it deprives us of the charms and

excitements that accompany the changes in the pattern of life. Most people go through the tasks of everyday life as if they were automatons, devoid of any genuine feelings. Senseless to the thrills of life, for many it seems to be enough to have been able to knock off one more day from the calendar. This unbroken chain of the unending, repetitive tasks of our daily lives results in boredom, listlessness and fatigue of the mind and body.

But unreflecting haste to condemn the daily routine, should be avoided, don't forget that life is not a continuous romantic adven-

ture colored by fanciful dreams. It is not humanly possible to pass one's life at the high pitch of emotions and frenzied excitement. A galloping horse soon tires itself out.

Life is not a sequence of exciting moments only, they are not all there is to life. The colorful moment is recognized only against the dull backdrop of the routine. Trying to live life at a high pitch is not only not possible to do, it may even have a deadening, numbing effect on the mind and body.

And here comes the importance of the daily routine: quietly, unobtrusively, it comes back to us and saves us from the tensions of the excitement the bright, glittering colors

of which soon fade out. The routine takes all the blame and accepts the responsibility for the dullness in our lives.

Perhaps, there is some justification for blaming the routine for the boredom in our day to day lives. But few of us realize that without this boring fabric of the routine, which holds life together and gives it continuity, the life of an individual will become utterly chaotic and unlivable.

One reason why people become fatigued and terribly bored if they have to go on a very long vacation, is that their minds and bodies long for a return to the old familiar routine of their daily lives. Just imagine missing your routine morning cup of tea for only one day.

Routine is our mainstay in life. Without it we would be at sea, as it were, like a rudderless boat — sans support, sans direction. It provides us all the security and shelter we need in life. It is like the good old father around the house whose presence is inescapable, but many dangers lurk outside the limits of his strict control. Playing with the playmates is but a temporary affair; home has its own permanence. Every child wants to get back to the security of the home after the play is over.

We want to get out of the routine, break it, but we do it so that we can come back to it.

The human mind and body develop their own rhythm, in harmony with the rhythm of nature — the cycle of life and death, the cycle of day and night. Any sudden shocks and jolts throw the body and mind out of rhythm, out of tune. Staying normal means clinging to routine.

However, to break the monotony, human beings seek variation within the overall unity of the routine, not outside it. To have a few days' break from your work is not only normal, it is essential.

It is very difficult to decide for yourself what you should do with your time and life, because, if anything goes wrong or life becomes boring, you are left with nobody to blame but yourself, which is not easy to do. The great advantage of following the routine, which, by and large is determined by others, is that you can hold somebody else responsible — "letting off the steam" as they say.

We get used to many things in our daily lives; any change might be upsetting. Many people find it difficult to sleep in a new, unfamiliar place. The change from one type of routine to a different pattern of life is not an easy one, and quite often it is accompanied by emotional problems. People who have recently retired from a life of active service develop the feeling of insecurity and learn that the change to a life lacking in action is not very smooth. The reason for their worry is not money, they miss their daily routine.

Routine is the sheet anchor of our lives. It is the all pervading calm, peaceful weather, which we find boring because of its persistence; but we miss the sunshine of our daily lives whenever the sky becomes overcast.



MARATHON VETERANS: Two of the oldest marathon contestants in London are Harold Whitlock, 73, and Francis C. Sullivan, 77, both who are seen here training for a 26 mile race. Both runners represented Britain in the 1936 European Games, while Whitlock took the 50km walk in the 1936 Olympic Games and won a gold medal.

U.S. claims Soviet laser 'only a propaganda victory'

By George C. Wilson

WASHINGTON, (WP) — The Soviet Union may score a propaganda victory by putting an anti-satellite laser in space during this decade but the laser would not pose much of a threat militarily according to the air force research director.

Lt. Gen. Kelly H. Burke, taking a calm view of Soviet progress in turning a beam of light into a weapon, told a meeting of reporters that the United States is well along on a better and cheaper way of destroying Soviet satellites, if war should ever move up to the high ground of outer space.

The system under development by the air force and the Vought Corp. calls for arranging a collision in space rather than depending on a concentrated light beam or explosives to knock out the satellites, which are used for surveillance and communications.

Under one scheme soon to be demonstrated, an F-15 fighter would carry a high-speed rocket to the edge of space. Launched from the F-15, the rocket would carry the satellite destroyer, shaped like a tomato can,

to the vicinity of the target, where a heat-seeking guidance system would take over for the high-speed ramming of the enemy satellite flying 17,500 mph.

After saying the Soviet might get a laser into space within five years that could attack low-flying picture-taking satellites, but not the higher-flying communications satellites, Burke predicted it would be "the next century" before laser weapons would be effective enough to compete with less exotic ones at hand.

The problems with turning lasers into weapons, Burke said, are getting the giant package, consisting of a power generator and a mirror about 30 feet across, into space; aiming the mirror precisely at the right instant so the light beam hits the fast-moving satellite, and making the beam powerful enough to penetrate satellite circuits, which can be armored against just such an attack.

A little jiggle of the mirror and the light beam misses because of what the air force calls "jitter." Fixing the mirror requires mind-boggling accuracy," Burke said.

ARTIFICIAL BLOOD

STOP KILLING YOURSELF

By Peter J.

Steinrohn

M.D., F.A.C.P.

Dear Dr. Steinrohn: For most of my adult, life of 43 years, I've donated blood to our local blood bank. I've considered it a duty and privilege to help others.

But, like many others my age, I'm getting tired of making contributions. I've been hearing that there's a new substance, artificially made, that can be used to take the place of blood transfusions.

I hope this entitles me to a vacation from appearing at the blood center regularly. — Mr. F.

Dear Mr. F.: Let's call it a temporary vacation. There's still need for your generous contributions to the blood bank. The new substance known as artificial blood is chemically related to teflon. It's called Fluosol. It is being shipped to various medical centers for clinical trial.

It has been approved for testing, but only in those persons who refuse blood transfusions; for example, members of Jehovah's Witnesses, who refuse blood transfusions.

This compound has already been used on 500 patients in Japan and is likely to receive that government's approval.

Fluosol acts as a medium for transportation of oxygen; the same job that hemoglobin performs in real blood. But, its effects last only about 72 hours and lacks clotting powers and other essential properties of real blood.

It's evident, Mr. F., that your contributions and that of others to blood banks will still be very much needed in future, in spite of this new development.

MEDICALETTERS

(Replies to and from readers)

Dear Dr. Steinrohn: I believe in local treatment of arthritic joints, as well as taking medicines internally. Lately, I've been using an ointment that contains aspirin, and rubbing it into my arthritic knees. It seems to help. Have you heard of it? Mrs. U.

Dear Mrs. U.: There are several preparations on the market. What's important is how you personally react to it. So, don't give up on it simply because of what I say. But, I think you should know that studies have found that in many instances such preparations are no more effective than placebos.

Dear Dr. Steinrohn: I owned a good head of hair until I went to work in a construction company. Then, I gradually began losing my hair. I wonder if this is due to wearing a "hard hat" — Mr. C.

Dear Mr. C.: I doubt it. And my doubts are confirmed by Willard D. Steck, M.D., dermatologist of the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, who says, "It is unlikely that either wearing or not wearing a 'hard

hat' at work would make any appreciable difference in the end result or in the period of time taken to complete the process."

For Mr. N.: What you've been hearing is true. Some commonly prescribed drugs can interfere with male fertility. For example, many antibiotics — including penicillin and tetracycline, may suppress sperm production. So may some drugs used in treatment of ulcer and ulcerative colitis. If in doubt, better check with your doctor.

Dear Dr. Steinrohn: Even good old-fashioned sleep is now being divided into segments. What is meant by REM sleep? — Mrs. E.

Dear Mrs. E.: There's much more to it than this: but briefly, the dreaming portion of the sleep cycle is found in REM sleep. Why called REM? It's an abbreviation for "rapid eye movements" which occur during the dream state.

Dear Dr. Steinrohn: When my husband had his heart attack the doctor called it a coronary occlusion. His close friend had a heart attack a few weeks later. The other doctor called it a myocardial infarction. Is there any difference? — Mrs. G.

Dear Mrs. G.: Does a rose smell as sweet by any other name? This old saying emphasizes the point that a heart attack's severity or treatment doesn't depend upon its diagnostic tag.

Coronary occlusion means that a blood clot has occluded a coronary artery. This cuts off the blood circulation to an area of the heart muscle. When this happens, lack of nourishment and oxygen produces partial muscle death.

This, in turn, is called myocardial infarction. So, Mrs. G., for practical purposes, the two are interchangeable. The result is "heart attack."

The outlook for your husband and his friend will depend upon the amount of obstruction in the coronary arteries — and its effect on the heart muscle itself.

For Mrs. L.: It is well known that many addicted smokers become irritable and gain weight when they go without nicotine. But about 10 percent of smokers are not addicted. They don't become irritable. It's interesting that some heavy smokers do not light up until afternoon. Some smoke only at parties or at work.

Added or not addicted, all smokers do not react in the same way.

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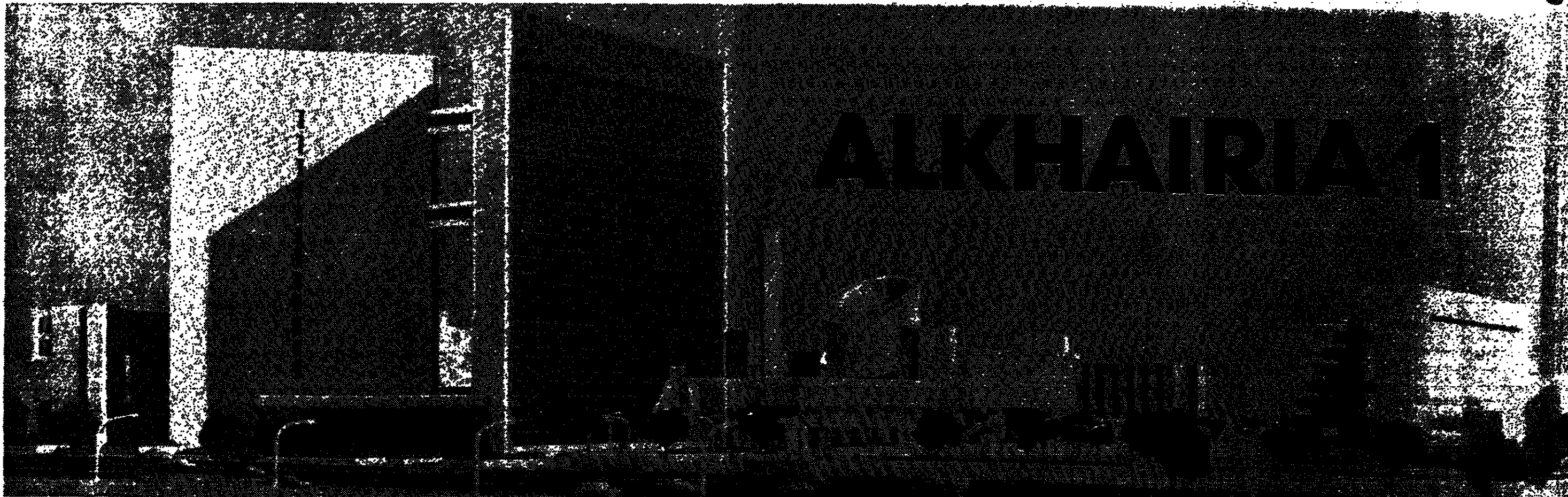
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As Bush visit nears

Peking warns on Taipei arms

PEKING, May 2 (Agencies) — Communist China, preparing for a visit by U.S. Vice President George Bush, warned Washington Sunday that its arms sales to Nationalist China (Taiwan) were a time bomb under Sino-U.S. relations. Bush, who is arriving Wednesday for a five-day stay, will be the most senior American to visit China after President Ronald Reagan took over.

His talks on relations between the two countries, which are at their worst since they were normalized in 1979, will start Friday. China has protested strongly over U.S. plan to sell \$60 million worth of military spares to Taipei. But it has not gone as far as downgrading diplomatic relations, which at one time seemed possible.

Referring to the arms issue, the *People's Daily* said Sunday that U.S. behavior was two-faced and contradictory and added: "The problem of U.S. arms sales to Taiwan has reached a stage where it must be solved. As a Chinese saying goes, he who ties the knot should untie it."

The paper said that "the time bomb of the arms sale issue, which constitutes a threat to Sino-U.S. relations, was created by the United States and can only be defused by Washington." Last year China lowered diplomatic relations with the Netherlands to charge d'affaires level after the Dutch decided to sell Taiwan two submarines.

The *People's Daily* said the only way for a retrogression in Sino-U.S. relations to be avoided was for Washington to take concrete action to demonstrate that it sincerely respected Peking's sovereignty over Taiwan.

American officials in Peking have stressed that the Bush visit is not an attempt to resolve the dispute in one step but is rather aimed at contributing to an atmosphere in which a solution can be found. They said that while a breakthrough during the visit was possible, it was not probable.

The *People's Daily* indicated however that the Chinese leadership saw little point in Bush coming unless the United States was willing to give way.

"Talking alone, however, sweet it is to the ear and however often repeated, will not help in solving the problem," it said. The commentary again indicated that China would be willing to accept some arms sales to Taipei for a period provided Washington agreed to a time limit by which to end them. China would not tolerate "a long continuation" of weapons sales, the paper said.

"If the United States clings obstinately to its course, it will inevitably drag Sino-U.S. relations to 'a dangerous situation,'" it added. China would try to improve relations but was fully prepared for a poor outcome.

Bush plans to spend two days in the east Chinese resort city of Hangzhou before starting talks in Peking next Friday.

Meanwhile, a Chinese review Sunday described President Reagan's recent move to resume the production of chemical weapons as a step "against the will of the people". The English-language weekly *Peking Review* said the decision had opened up "another field of competition" for the arms race between the two "superpowers" — the United States and the Soviet Union.

China was against the production of weapons, including chemical ones, which might cause massive destruction, and urged the establishment of international laws against the use, production, development and deployment of chemical weapons, the *Peking Review* said. It added that the U.S. decision "is obviously a maneuver to strengthen its ability to compete with the Soviet Union".

World race boat stolen in Florida

FAREHAM, Southern England, May 2 (AFP) — An English yachtsman who flew home after sailing single-handed to the United States was told on his arrival here that his boat had been stolen.

Ben Johnston, a Fareham construction worker, spent two years building his 41-ft yacht with the intention of competition in the single-handed round-the-world race, starting in August.

He sailed to Florida to complete the 1,600-km qualifying voyage and left his craft moored at Fort Lauderdale. When he reached his home a message was waiting to say it had disappeared.

"The shock knocked me flat, but I still intend to compete. Whether the boat's been taken for the Caribbean drug run or is at the bottom of the sea I don't know. I hope I make it," he said.

The boat was insured, but even if the insurers paid for another craft in time for the race, the organizers might ask Johnston to make another qualifying voyage. The race starts at Newport, Rhode Island, on Aug. 28.

Over May Day killing

Portugal prepares for strike

LISBON, May 2 (R) — Portugal Sunday prepared for a new general strike in a showdown between Communist-led trade unions and the government over the killing of two young workers in the worst May Day violence since in 1974 revolution.

The leadership of the CGTP-Intersindical, the Communist-led labor confederation that groups most Portuguese workers, is to hold an emergency meeting Monday in the northern city of Oporto where the two youths were shot dead when riot police went into action early Saturday.

According to Intersindical's national convener, Armando Teixeira da Silva, the labor leaders will propose a new general strike in protest against the killings and this will be put to the trade unions on Tuesday for a final vote.

Haig 'ignores' reports on Nicaragua

BALTIMORE, Maryland, May 2 (AFP) — Reports issued by the United States Embassy in Nicaragua are treated like "toilet paper" by the Reagan administration, an American diplomat based in Nicaragua charged publicly Sunday.

In an interview published in Sunday's *Baltimore Sun*, the U.S. diplomat, who remained unidentified, said that "looking at what we report, compared to the statements and actions that are coming out of Washington, it seems they must be using our reports as toilet paper".

The statements issued by Secretary of State Alexander Haig on Nicaragua were totally "out of touch with facts, figures and basic

There is little doubt that it will be carried and that for the second time in less than three months, Intersindical will call on the country's workers to down tools at what is a very delicate political moment for the right-wing government.

The strike call comes at a time when parliament is about to start the revision of the 1976 constitution, a process that will formally end Portugal's transition to democracy and make the military hand their last powers over to civilians.

The pro-Soviet Communist Party, to which most of the Intersindical leaders belong, has repeatedly said the plans for bringing the armed forces under civilian control and ending the military's veto over government legislation under the new constitution amount to a coup d'etat by the right.

reality", he said.

The diplomat, described by the *Sun* as an official with many years of working experience in Central America, charged the Reagan administration with a "tendency to exaggerate, distort or ignore information which does not correspond with its preconceptions". He cited Haig's description of Nicaragua as "another Cuba" as just one example of a view which was not shared by the U.S. Embassy in Managua.

But after seeing an advance copy of the interview, Haig said Saturday that "no substantive gap" existed between the department and the embassy's perception of the situation.

Court admits testimony about Hinckley's sanity

WASHINGTON, May 2 (R) — The defense of accused presidential assailant, John Hinckley, has been dealt a severe blow by a judge's decision to admit testimony of government psychiatrists who say he was sane when he shot and wounded President Ronald Reagan.

Hinckley, the 26-year-old son of a wealthy oil company executive, has pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity to the attempted assassination of Reagan and the shooting of three others outside a Washington hotel in March last year.

U.S. district court judge Barrington Parker's ruling Saturday will make it easier for the government prosecutors to attack the insanity plea. The defense argued the testimony of government psychiatrists was "tainted" because it was based on interviews with Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) agents who had questioned Hinckley immediately after the shooting.

Judge Parker had ruled earlier that the FBI violated Hinckley's constitutional

rights because they questioned him without a lawyer present. He also ruled prison guards had invaded his privacy when they confiscated documents from his cell. The papers were studied by the psychiatrists.

But at the unusual Saturday hearing, government psychiatrists said they had not relied either on the agent's observations of Hinckley nor on the seized documents to draw their conclusions. The judge agreed and ruled that the psychiatrists' use of illegally obtained evidence had a negligible impact on their conclusions.

"I think there were a number of independent sources they (the experts) relied on and I think the testimony shows that the impact (of the tainted evidence) was negligible," he said.

Defense lawyers did win one legal skirmish when the judge ruled that the government and not the defense must bear the burden of proof on the issue of sanity. The judge will try to complete the process of jury selection for the trial Monday.

Duvalier reshuffles cabinet

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti May 2 (AP) — President-for-life Jean Claude Duvalier announced Saturday a major cabinet shakeup, including the replacement of a minister considered closest to him, Henry Bayard.

Bayard, minister of the presidency, was dismissed and replaced by Jean-Marie Chanoine, who was minister of information. Chanoine will retain his former post, making him the first person in Duvalier's regime to hold two cabinet ministries. No reason was given for the dismissal of Bayard, a long-time friend of the Duvalier family.

Minister of Interior Edouard Berrouet was

replaced by the ministry's undersecretary, Weber Guerrier. Former Minister of Planning Pierre D. Sam was named agriculture minister, replacing Rene Distin. Claude Weil was named minister of planning.

Minister of Public Health Gerard Desir was replaced by Volvick Remy-Joseph and Bertholand Edouard was named minister of social affairs, replacing Ulysse Pierre-Louis.

Other ministers remain in their former positions, including recently appointed minister of finance Marc Bazin, who has taken a tough stand on eliminating corruption in the Haitian government.

BRIEFS

LONDON (AP) — Press speculation over where Princess Diana's first child will be born intensified Sunday with a report that the princess has been booked into a central London hospital for the birth expected July 1. Last weekend, two British tabloids reported the princess — wife of Prince Charles, Britain's heir to the throne — would have the baby at Buckingham Palace.

METZ, Eastern France (AFP) — Passengers on the Frankfurt-Paris Express train were forced to leave at Remilly, near here, because of a bomb alert. They were able to continue their journey one hour later in another train, sent for the purpose.

NEW DELHI (AFP) — President Neelam Sanjiva Reddy leaves here Monday on state visits to Ireland and Yugoslavia.

PEKING (AFP) — Peking residents can be fined from July 1 for spitting in the streets

or throwing away cigarette butts. The New China News Agency reported Sunday that a law to this effect had been passed on April 26 and a special hygiene squad of police was being set up to enforce it.

LONDON (AFP) — Britain got its first new weekend newspaper for 21 years Sunday. The new paper *Mail on Sunday*, is a stablemate of the long-standing Associated Newspapers' *Daily Mail*. The last new name among Britain's 10 Sunday papers was *The Sunday Telegraph*, launched in the 1960s.

BOWLING GREEN, Ohio (R) — Four persons in a private plane died when it crashed into a block of student flats and exploded Sunday, police said. The two-story eight-flat building caught fire but only one woman was believed to be inside and she escaped serious injury, police added.

Kaunda may encounter Botha again

JOHANNESBURG, May 2 (Agencies) — Further meetings may take place between South African Premier Pieter Botha and Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda following the three-hour talks they had on the Botswana-South African border Friday, the official South African Broadcasting Corporation said Saturday.

It quoted Kaunda's press secretary as saying that a new encounter would depend on what happened over the next few weeks. The talks, which centered on ways to end the fighting in Namibia, had been "constructive, successful and really worthwhile," he said.

President Kaunda would be briefing other leaders of southern African "frontline states" and the Southeast African People's Organization (SWAPO) about the talks, the spokesman said. A joint communique after the meeting described the discussions as "frank" and "useful."

South African officials, however remained tight-lipped about the discussion. Political sources described Botha's first official contact with a black African leader as a diplomatic coup for the South African prime minister after years of vilification by black leaders over his country's race policies.

Kaunda told a May Day rally in Lusaka Saturday that his meeting with the South African prime minister was not aimed at glorifying his country. He said that contrary to what some people had said the one-day summit was aimed at bringing peace to southern Africa. He had undertaken the mission because he recognized the importance of lives in the region and not to make a name for Zambia.

Meanwhile, Angola claimed Sunday South African troops backed by foreign mercenaries were poised to mount a new invasion against it. *The Sunday Mail* newspaper reported.

The Angolan Embassy in Salisbury issued a communique to the newspaper saying the Luanda government "obtained" information that the South African invasion force would include mercenaries from Britain, Chile, Israel and West Germany as well as veterans of the Rhodesian and Vietnam wars.

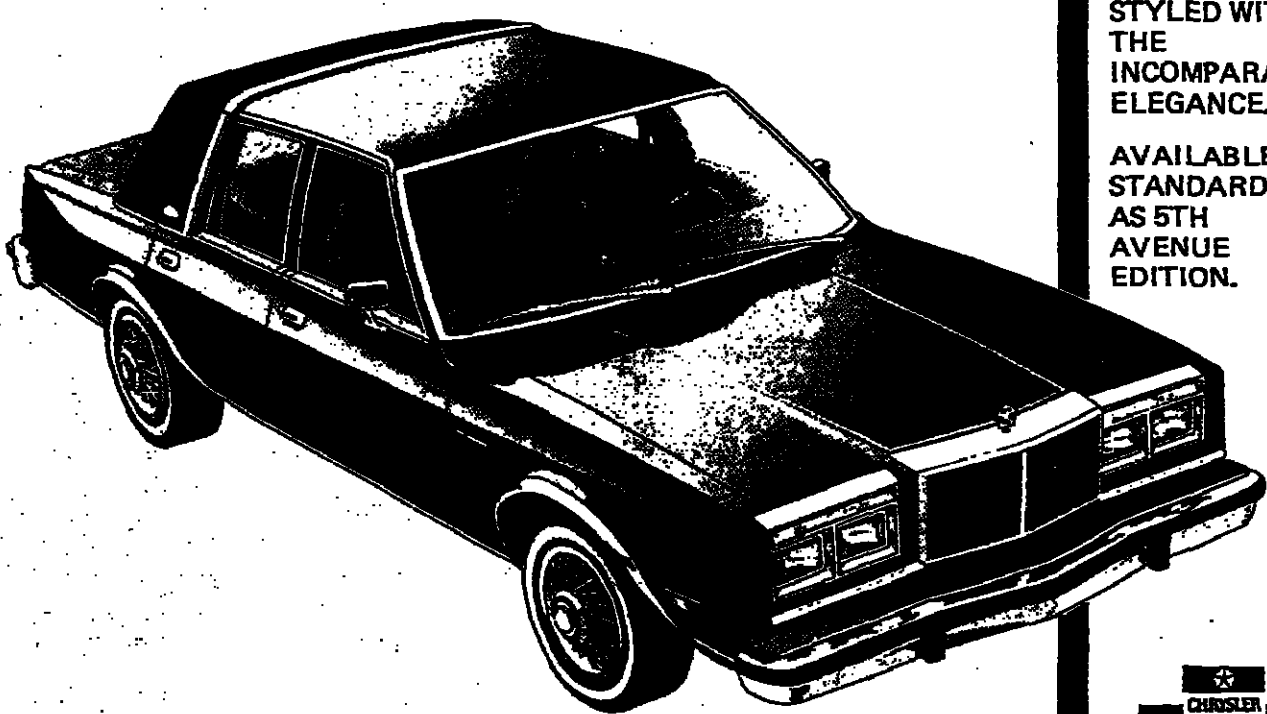
South African troops, backed by armor and warplanes, have often launched raids deep inside Angola — a territory that borders South African-governed Southwest Africa (Namibia). The stated aim of such attacks has been to destroy SWAPO bases.

The Angolan Embassy reaffirmed its government's support for SWAPO "in its struggle for national liberation." It called on all Western nations, however, to halt their support for South Africa. The communique said 265 civilians had been slain in South African raids.

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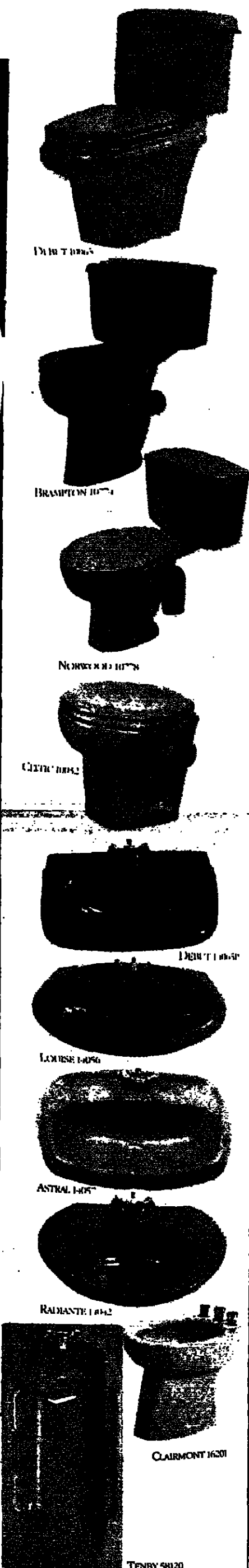
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U.S. hints at joining global sea law treaty

UNITED NATIONS, May 2 (AP) — U.S. Ambassador James L. Malone has said the United States still might join an international law of the sea treaty if American conditions regarding deep-seabed mining were met before the newly adopted convention was opened for signature.

But Malone, who voted against the treaty Friday, also held open the possibility that the United States might defy the Third World majority and seek to conclude what is known as a "mini-treaty" with other Western industrial countries and the Soviet bloc for exploitation of the mineral wealth on the deep seabed. The Russians and their East bloc allies abstained as the sea law treaty was adopted by a vote of 130-4, with 17 abstentions.

An angry ambassador Tommy Koh of Singapore, president of the just-concluded 152 nation sea law conference, slammed the door on further tampering with a draft text that represents the results of eight years of tough give-and-take between the developing and industrial world. "There can be no more negotiations," Koh told a news conference that immediately followed one held by Malone.

Koh threatened to go to the World Court to challenge the legality of any U.S. move toward a "mini-treaty." "If the court's opinion is that such activities under the 'mini-treaty' are illegal, I would like to see whether these countries, which have been sermonizing to the Third World about the rule of law will ask their (deep sea mining) consortia to stop such activities or whether they will reveal themselves to be a bunch of greedy countries."

The Singapore diplomat suggested, that by having caused a one-year delay in the conclusion of the U.N.-sponsored sea law conference to seek drastic changes in the mining provisions the Reagan administration had acted "contrary to the doctrine of good faith." The text had been negotiated by three previous administrations and the Carter White House had been ready to endorse an earlier version of the draft.

Third World countries, Koh said, had made every possible concession to the United States "in return for nothing." Koh said he was shocked to learn that the United States had tried to get its Western allies to form a solid front with Washington by voting against the treaty.

Japan to aid UAE develop solar energy

ABU DHABI, May 2 (AFP) — Japan, a major oil importer, has agreed to supply the United Arab Emirates with technology and expertise to develop solar energy, visiting Japanese Overseas Trade and Industry Minister Shingaro Abe said Sunday.

Speaking after a meeting with Emirates Oil Minister Mana Said al Oteiba, Abe said the talks had focused on bilateral cooperation in energy matters. The Japanese minister arrived Sunday from London on an official visit at the head of an economic delegation.

Al Oteiba, who is also the current chairman of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), used the opportunity to urge industrialized countries to stop dipping into their strategic oil reserves, if they wanted to avoid thwarting OPEC measures to keep prices and market stable. Al Oteiba said Abe had promised to convey his request to other industrialized nations.

Japan spent \$3.2 billion on imports of oil and gas from the Emirates in 1980. About 40 percent of the Emirates' oil exports go to Japan.

Bangladesh trudges road to prosperity

DACCA, May 2 (Special) — Bangladesh, which came into existence only a decade earlier, has been making steady economic progress. The overall economic situation in the country as measured by the growth of the gross domestic product (GDP) was satisfactory during 1979-80, the figures for which are available. The growth rose by 4.82 percent in real terms during 1979-80, compared to 4.35 percent in the preceding year, according to the report released by the government recently.

The growth rate of GDP would have been higher had there been a better performance in the agricultural sector. The agricultural output grew only at the rate of 1.69 percent against the target of 6.9 percent. The actual production in the agricultural sector fell short of target due mainly to adverse weather conditions, particularly drought. The slower growth in the agricultural sector, compared to the growth rates in other important sectors, resulted in a decline in its share in the GDP to 49.22 percent during the year from 50.73 percent in 1978-79.

Comparatively, the performance of the industrial sector showed some improvement during 1979-80. The total industrial output was estimated to have increased by about 4.5 percent during the year as against the target of 8.40 percent and of 4.47 percent during 1978-79.

Other sectors, such as, the power and gas and construction sectors achieved growth

rates of 11.41 percent and 9.09 percent and banking and insurance and professional and miscellaneous services, 13.58 percent and 8.81 percent respectively. The per-capita income was estimated to have increased by 3.2 percent compared to an increase of only 1.1 percent during 1978-79.

It can be well emphasized that Bangladesh is now engaged in a long-term endeavor to bring about basic structural changes in the economy. One dynamic step in this direction is the canal digging program based on voluntary labor. This program is aimed at increasing both the area and the productivity of the cultivated land during the dry season through an increase in the supply of irrigation water from rivers either through new or re-excavation canals. Pumps for rising irrigation water from the canals are supplied by the government free of cost, and the farmers use them on a co-operative basis.

The unique experience of the canal digging program based on voluntary rural labor force demonstrates how the potential energy of country's teeming millions in the rural areas can be fruitfully harnessed for national well-being. Self-reliant village government is also intended to motivate the people for constructive work. The subjects to which it will give special attention include food production, family planning, mass education and maintenance of peace and order. In carrying out these programs suc-

cessfully, the government has already built up the Village Defense Party (VDP) to work as an effective machinery. The aim of the government development policy is not only to change its character and contents but also to widen the overall development efforts of the nation through the active and democratic participation and leadership of the people at the village level.

The government policy in the industrial sector for 1979-80 has been directed toward fuller utilization of the existing capacity through adequate and timely supply of imported raw materials, spare parts, machinery and equipment as well as increasing the supply of domestic inputs. The drive for increasing efficiency in the use of productive capacity in all the industrial enterprises, both old and new, has been strengthened. In the efforts of gearing up industrial activity, the program for improving the availability of bank credit and required inputs for small and cottage industries in small towns and rural regions was given due importance.

During 1980-81, the industrial development policy further highlighted the importance of public and private sectors. The establishment and operation of capital intensive projects with long gestation periods and acquiring of sophisticated technology mainly rest with the public sector, while the private sector as well has very important role to play.

Weekly commodities

Markets reel under impact of Falklands crisis

LONDON, May 2 (AFP) — The crisis in the South Atlantic continued to dominate trading on the commodity markets this week.

Early gains followed news of fighting in South Georgia, but subsequently dealers adopted a "wait-and-see" attitude and prices eased erratically under the leadership of gold, before moving higher again in front of the long holiday weekend, following the latest clash between Iran and Iraq.

Britain's decision to impose a total blockade of the Falklands, by sea and air, with effect from mid-day Friday (11.00 GMT) made little immediate impression. Last-minute moves toward a peaceful solution to the dispute were still being watched closely. Sterling's fluctuating recovery against the U.S. dollar also played its part in tempering speculative interest.

Raw sugar spot prices touched their lowest for two and a half years before rallying: Rubber, on the other hand, reached its highest for five months and cocoa recovered from its recent ten-month low.

Gold: Erratic. Prices fell back sharply after early gains on the bullion market following profit-taking, despite the weakness of the U.S. dollar. Futures market trading, priced in

sterling, also turned easier after jumpy gains.

But a late rally developed in both sectors, in company with New York, as fresh tension developed in the Middle East. Immediately before the weekend, following rumors of fighting in the Falklands, there was a sharp advance.

Copper: Uncertain. The recent unsettled trend continued. Apart from the international influences, the labor problems in Peru, the U.S. production cuts and the unresolved pay negotiations at Noranda (Canada) helped to harden sellers' ideas. But the rise in market stocks (the fourth successive weekly increase), up 1,100 tons to 135,100 tons, the highest since December 1979, acted as a dampener. New York's failure to hold a mid-week gain and the decline in gold acted as additional depressing factors, before the pre-weekend recovery.

Tin: Irregular. The sharp fall in Penang prices to below the international agreement's floor price (for the first time for 25 years), brought early falls despite further buffer stock support. The tin council's decision to impose export quotas as from April 27 until end-June, reducing shipments from producer members by 15 percent had a very limited impact. Although Penang recovered buffer

buying was again necessary, in order to keep the market steady with June dates attracting most attention. The sharp fall in stocks (down 650 tons to 38,145 tons) made little impact, at first, but spot prices moved up eventually. Note was also taken that Malaysia planned to cut its exports by more than ordered by the council.

Lead: Irregular. Prices moved largely in unison with copper, although news of a producer price increase in the United States, contributed to losses being recovered. Market stocks rose by 25 tons to 83,975 tons, the highest since March 1976.

Zinc: Irregular. Prices moved in a comparatively narrow band, with forward metal being quoted a small premium once again, despite the fall in stocks (down 700 tons to 60,550 tons, the lowest for 18 months). Dealers were waiting for a possible increase in U.S. producer prices.

Silver: Barely steady. The easier tone continued after the sharp rise in stocks to record levels (up 470,000 ounces to 33,840,000 ounces). With New York failing to give any late support, the subsequent rally was rather half-hearted as dealers awaited further developments on the political scene.

India's exports of farm items up

NEW DELHI, May 2 (AFP) — India's export of agricultural products have increased from 10,530 million rupees (\$1,170 million) in 1980-81 (April-March) to an estimated figure of 14,050 million rupees (over \$1,561 million) in 1981-82, a record rise of 33 percent.

This was indicated at a recent meeting here of leading exporters of agricultural items, chairman of various export promotion councils and agricultural commodity boards dealing with such items with the Commerce Minister Shrivraj Patil.

The minister reviewed the export performance of various commodities for the last financial year and the targets to be set for the current year.

According to an official source, the meeting noted that the exports of certain agricultural items like processed foods, sesame seeds, niger seeds, cotton seed extraction, soyabean extraction, castor oil, shellac, barley and rice have gone up by moderate to substantial degree over the exports of the previous year.

Sparks may fly at Paris talks

PARIS, May 2 (AFP) — Less than a week before talks scheduled for May 6 on export credits, a serious clash is apparently building up between the United States, Japan and the European Economic Community (EEC).

The battle also looms with only one month left before these three major powers meet at the seven-nation Western economic summit in Versailles.

The United States has already indicated that they will work for a new increase in the minimum credit rates covering government-guaranteed loans. Their aim is to line these up with market rates.

Japan has successfully kept its interest rates well below those of its partners, and on this occasion it will call for a drop in export credit interest rates. Finance ministers of the 10 EEC nations adopted a joint stance rejecting any upward adjustment to current rates.

In these circumstances, informed circles expressed the belief that there was little chance of any progress in Paris talks, except on one point: The EEC position calling for reclassification of countries eligible for credit. The community is particularly keen to end the Soviet Union's privileged situation.

The representatives of the 22 Western industrialized countries subscribing to the government-guaranteed credit "arrangement" — a kind of barrier designed to stop officially-financed rivalry in the export field — will meet for three days from May 6 at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris.

In theory, they are expected to reappraise the minimum rate structure established last autumn on a provisional basis, and to seek a way of extending the arrangement beyond May 16, when it is due to expire.

For some time, the U.S. officials have been urging an alignment with market rates. They are more vociferous about this now because of the latest draft budget by President Ronald Reagan, which provides for a cut in the allocation to the U.S. Export-Import Bank from next fiscal year.

However, informed sources have said, the Japanese are unhappy that they have been offering a special rate of 9.25 per cent since November for export credit, while their market rate is only 8.5 percent. The Japanese thus seem determined to bring about easier terms.

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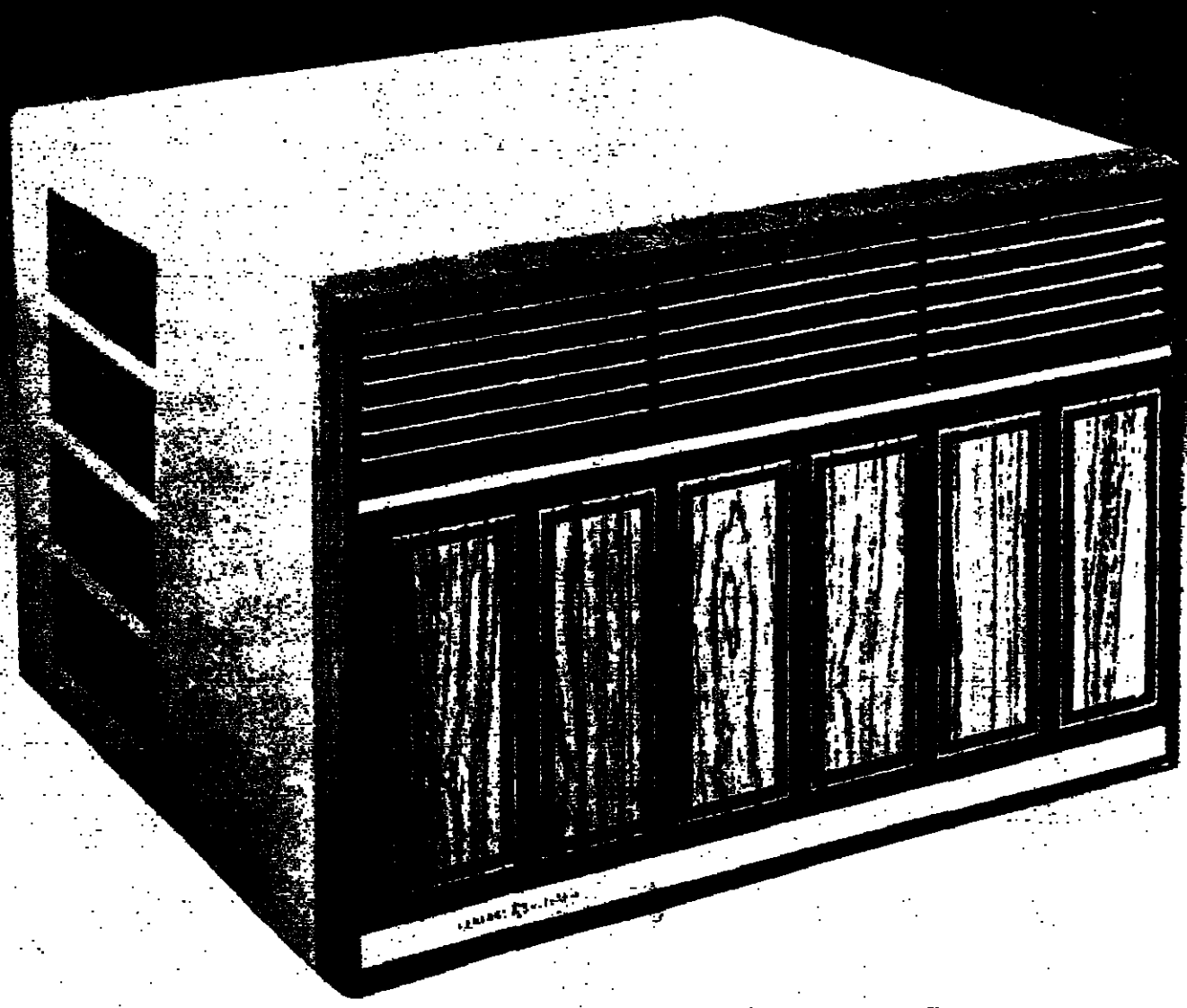
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Japan takes initiative

OPEC favors talks with buyers

MANAMA, May 2 (AP) — The chairman of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries expressed his support Sunday for the idea of a dialogue between exporters and importers of oil.

Mana Said Oteiba, who is also oil minister of the United Arab Emirates, made his position known during a meeting in Abu Dhabi with Japan's Trade and Industry Minister Shintaro Abe.

According to earlier reports from Tokyo the Japanese minister, who arrived in Abu Dhabi Saturday, is trying to promote the idea of a 44-nation conference aimed at working out a formula for international petroleum coexistence.

The Tokyo reports said Japan intends to raise the idea during upcoming meetings in France of the International Energy Committee and an industrialized nations Versailles summit in June.

The proposed meeting, according to these reports, would include the 13-member states of 10 non-OPEC nations and 21 members of the International Energy Committee.

Abe was quoted by the United Arab Emirates news agency as promising Oteiba he

would "communicate to my colleagues in the industrialized nations a request for a goodwill gesture asked by Oteiba."

This gesture provides for the industrialized nations to "stop dipping into their strategic oil reserves in order not to weaken OPEC's measures" for defending OPEC's \$34 benchmark price and "to maintain stability in the international oil market."

Oteiba was quoted as saying that he emphasized to Abe "the importance of cooperation between oil importers and exporters for the benefit of both sides."

The oil exporters privately maintain that a slump in crude prices could hurt global economic interests as a whole, partly by making oil exploration ventures less attractive. They also want a promise that OPEC would not try to raise its prices over the next few years as a contribution to international economic stability.

Oteiba said his talks with Abe dealt with Japan-UAE relations in "oil purchases and various fields of energy, including solar energy."

In another development, the *Middle East Economic Survey* (MEES) reported Sunday that OPEC states are likely to give Nigeria

emergency financial aid which could total \$1 billion to help it hold the OPEC pricing line. Nigeria has been under oil company pressure to cut its price from \$35.50 a barrel into line with similar British North Sea crude which costs \$31. Nigerian production has slumped as oil companies refused to pay the higher price.

MEES said it understood that OPEC was receptive to giving financial aid to Nigeria. MEES estimated Nigerian production in the latter part of April at 900,000 barrels per day (BPD) against its OPEC-assigned quota of 1.3 million bpd.

It added that because the market for sweet crudes of the Nigerian type had firmed up recently, Nigeria's output might exceed one million bpd this month.

MEES said OPEC circles were more definite than ever that the gap between prices on the spot market and official OPEC tariffs would disappear before the end of this month.

OPEC uses price on the spot, non-contract market, as a barometer of the market. They have recently been far below official levels, reflecting the world oil glut.

Strife-hit Angola banks on raising oil output

LUANDA, May 2 (AFP) — The war against internal opposition and South African incursions — which has disrupted the Angolan economy — has made the country even more dependent on oil, its main source of revenue, at a time when even the largest producers are facing serious difficulties.

The oil glut and the resulting drop in sales has made Angola — still a small producer with under seven million tons last year — limit its ambitions somewhat. Priority now is on consolidating development projects underway in its offshore fields, notably off the enclave of Cabinda, where oil installations are protected by Cuban as well as Angolan troops.

But an informed source said the aim was still to increase production to 10 million tons a year, or 200,000 barrels a day, by 1985, compared with 140,000 barrels at the beginning of this year.

Following a decline in other sectors of the economy, oil now brings in almost 90 percent of export revenue. War and general insecurity is the principal explanation for the spectacular slump in coffee production, which now stands at 152,000 metric tons a year, compared with 240,000 before independence in 1975.

The drop in crude oil prices on the world market thus hits Angola still harder than the major producers in the organization of Oil Exporting Countries (OPEC), of which Angola is not a member.

The government budgeted for receipts from oil of around \$2 billion in 1981. But pressure on prices and a slight fall in production of certain fields due to technical difficulties

has cut income by more than a quarter of this figure.

Thus, the Angolan authorities are following with keen attention developments on the international market and OPEC efforts to stabilize prices by cutting production.

At the same time, Angola, which already has excellent relations with the major U.S. and European oil companies which operate on its territory, is apparently also seeking closer cooperation, notably with European countries, to boost its sales in the future.

The good-quality light Angolan crude is normally closely tied to the price of Arabian light, plus the surcharges normal for African oil. The last official price, fixed at the beginning of January 1981, was \$38.75 a barrel, but

Erminio Escorco, director-general of the Angolan National Oil Company (SONANGOL) said that in fact he was currently negotiating individual prices with each client.

France pledges no more steel sackings

PARIS, May 2 (ONS) — France's deeply troubled steel industry is expected to be competitive again within two years, according to a report by a government commission.

But the final return to profitability will still need the injection of about \$550 million a year. Steel, the first industry to be taken over by the Socialist government under its nationalization program, made a trading loss last year of \$630 million, the latest disaster in eight years of crisis and reorganization.

However, President Francois Mitterrand's government is now so confident that it has mastered the problems of the sector that it has pledged there will be no more sackings.

This seems to confirm that Angolan oil is currently fetching around spot prices on the free market. Sonagol's largest collaborator remains the U.S. giant Gulf Oil, which operates off Cabinda and was producing 85,000 barrels a day; at the beginning of this year, more than 60 percent of the national total.

Other producers are Petrobrás (a consortium of SONANGOL and Belgium's Petrofina, and U.S. Texaco, but a newcomer is French Elf, which has already made two sizeable strikes.

The Angolan offshore fields south of Cabinda have been divided into 13 blocks, of which five have already been assigned to producers, including other European and American companies, and a Brazilian undertaking. An informed source said the authorities would only be assigning one new block this year, to Petrobrás of Brazil with participation of Petrofina and SONANGOL.

Steel is a symbol of the traditional rivalries between right and left in France, and the Socialist government's economic reputation depends largely on the success of the nationalization program.

Before the war, the industry was dominated by France's 200 richest families who controlled much of the country's political life. Even under former President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, the steel lobby was enormously powerful. Several cabinet ministers, and the president, had direct family connections with the industry.

Bad management and the refusal to invest led to crisis after crisis, forcing the right-wing government to subsidize the industry through cheap loans to such a point that it was technically bankrupt when the Socialists were elected a year ago.

As a result, the left-wing government was able to take over the two big steel groups, Sacilor and Usinor, for nothing. Debts owed by the companies to the Government more than covered their real value.

Steel had already suffered its main traumas as a result of the previous government's policy and decisions by the EEC to enforce a drop in production. In five years, 49,000 French steelworkers — nearly a third of the workforce — were sacked and production reduced by 21 percent to 21 million tons last year. By then prices had been forced down to about 70 percent of their 1974 value.

However, productivity had risen by 40 percent, making French steel competitive with West Germany's for the first time since the war. The Socialists find themselves with an industry in which a third of capacity is unused. About 70 percent of output remains linked to recession-hit industries like cars, mechanical engineering and building.

Volkswagen records 58% fall in profits

WOLFSBURG, West Germany, May 2 (R) — Volkswagen, Western Europe's biggest car maker, Sunday reported that group profits fell by 58 percent last year to 136 million marks (\$58 million).

Executive Chairman Carl Hahn told journalists that heavy losses in South America, and at the Triumph Adler office computer subsidiary hit business severely in 1981.

He warned that 1982 would be another difficult year although sales should be as high as last year, when Volkswagen delivered three million vehicles to customers around the world.

Other West German carmakers also had a bad time last year. Adam Opel, a General Motors subsidiary, recorded a loss of 593 million marks (\$255 million) while BMW has said its profit was down.

Volkswagen's biggest problem was in Brazil, where the government's anti-inflation credit squeeze caused the company's sales to plunge by 40 percent to 294,000 vehicles. Sales in Argentina fell by 33 percent to 23,800 vehicles.

He said Volkswagen has not been directly affected by the Falklands crisis, although any further deterioration in the Argentine economy would clearly hit its activities.

Dubai okays 5% hike in air fares

DUBAI, May 2 (WAM) — The Dubai Civil Aviation Department has decided not to permit airlines to common-rate fares to and from the sub-continent, according to the leading UAE newspaper *Khaleej Times*.

Common — rating is the device adopted primarily as an administrative and accounting convenience by airlines to avoid extra payment or refunds on return journeys that start in Dubai and terminate in Abu Dhabi and vice versa.

However, the five percent increase recommended by IATA has been approved by the department, according to the director-general of civil aviation.

Consequently the steep rise in fares which had begun to be applied by the airlines until their freeze Thursday have been set aside and the increase will be of only five percent on rates prevailing April 30.

In implementing the new tariff following the IATA recommendations airlines operating on the popular and paying UAE-Pakistan and UAE-Sri Lanka routes raised their rise on consolidated common-rated fares.

Foreign Exchange Rates			
Quoted at 7:00 p.m. Saturday			
	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.05	9.11	
Beninese CFA franc	1.00	1.00	1.00
Belgian Franc (1,000)	20.36	20.36	20.36
Canadian Dollar	281.00	281.00	281.00
Deutsche Mark (100)	147.70	147.45	147.45
Dutch Guilder (100)	133.25	133.00	133.00
Egyptian Pound	3.30	3.30	3.30
Emirati Dirham (100)	93.30	93.45	93.45
French Franc (100)	56.50	56.35	56.35
Greek Drachma (1,000)	53.50	53.20	53.20
Indian Rupee (100)	—	36.80	36.80
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	—	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	26.70	26.50	26.50
Japanese Yen (1,000)	14.55	14.55	14.55
Jordanian Dinar	9.90	9.90	9.90
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.05	12.02	12.02
Lebanese Lira (100)	69.90	69.70	69.70
Moroccan Dirham (100)	52.50	52.75	52.75
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	29.60	29.60
Philippine Peso (100)	—	41.43	41.43
Pound Sterling	6.25	6.23	6.23
Qatari Rial (100)	94.25	94.30	94.30
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	164.15	164.15
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	33.20	33.20
Swiss Franc (100)	176.00	175.85	175.85
Syrian Lira (100)	56.40	56.60	56.60
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	1.210	1.210
U.S. Dollar	3.439	3.432	3.432
Yemeni Rial (100)	75.00	75.10	75.10
Selling Price			
Gold kg.	36,650	36,450	36,450
10 Tola bar	4,560	4,510	4,510
Ounce	1,240	1,240	1,240

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Riyal rates remain stable

By J. H. Hammond

JEDDAH, May 2 — In the local markets, Sunday was a dull trading day with few transactions undertaken in the inter-bank market. Riyal deposit rates remained stable in general with some modest rises recorded in very short-term funds. On the exchanges, spot riyal/dollar rates opened at 3.4295-05 and did not significantly move from the range all day long with the OBU's — offshore banking units leaving the market early Sunday after covering some position requirements.

The OBU's, however, did quote dollar deposits and these tended to be also stable with the one-month rate quoted at 15 - 15 1/2 percent and the one-year at 14 13/16 percent levels. They also quoted some European exchange prices and here the trend

was to push the dollar down further over the weekend losses suffered by the American currency.

The German mark continued to be viewed favorably at 2.3205 against the dollar while the British pound fell back to 1.7910 from the 1.8110 levels reached in New York on Friday night. Other currency levels were unchanged with the Swiss franc at 1.9520, the French franc at 6.1000 and the Japanese yen at 236.50 levels.

Int the local money markets, the one-month JIBOR was quoted at 13 1/4 - 13 1/2 percent levels but later closed at 13 1/4 - 13 1/2 percent while the week-fixed went up by 1/4 percent to close at 13 1/4 - 14 1/4 percent compared with Saturday prices. In the longer periods the one-year was also slightly firmer at 13 1/4 - 13 1/4 percent.

Soviets act to cut farm waste

MOSCOW, May 2, (R) — The Soviet Union, which has suffered three poor grain harvests in a row, Sunday announced special measures to cut agricultural waste this year and combat possible fodder shortages next winter.

Tass news agency reported that the Communist Party and government had adopted a decree aimed at improving the supply and maintenance of farm machinery and the transport of produce from the fields to storage areas. It said the decree also contained other measures to help the harvest, but gave no details.

Moscow has yet to announce the final figure for the 1981 grain harvest but unofficial

Soviet and Western estimates suggest it was no higher than 170 million tons and possibly as low as 150 million. The target was almost 240 million tons.

The official press reported fodder shortages in many areas of the country this winter, but there has been no indication that this has caused any widespread slaughtering of animals.

Moscow is anxious to avoid reducing herds, which take almost 10 years to build up. Sunday's Tass report gave no details of the special measures planned for next winter. Soviet officials blame the country's failure to meet its 1981 harvest targets on a drought which affected much of the country last summer.

Zimbabwe fair fails to evoke interest

BULAWAYO, Zimbabwe, May 2 (R) — Judging from several displays at the Zimbabwe International Trade Fair, carrying carvings to Bulawayo may have become the African business equivalent of coal to Newcastle.

Seven of the eight visiting African countries exhibiting this week at what aims to be the region's premier show window were offering virtually identical goods for sale to each other.

Leather goods, foodstuffs, textiles, twine and handicrafts dominated the pavilions of Malawi, Kenya, Tanzania, Botswana, Lesotho, Sudan and Zambia. Mozambique was more original, specializing in grandfather clocks and water meters.

Carved animals crowding the shelves of the Kenyan display and bright copperwork in the Zambian show appeared to excite little interest among window-shopping Zimbabweans. This country's souvenir shops are crammed with exactly the same goods, all locally made by craftsmen struggling to earn a living.

With the export markets for their raw materials in the industrialized world shrunk by recession and faced with tough competition from Asia in the field of basic manufactures, the black nations of eastern and southern Africa have turned increasingly to each other as trading partners.

The Southern African Development Co-

ordinating Conference (SADCC), a fledgling economic community embracing Zimbabwe, Angola, Mozambique, Botswana, Zambia, Tanzania, Swaziland, Lesotho and Malawi, was formed two years ago to foster mutual trade and reduce members' dependence on South Africa, the region's industrial giant. "The problem is that none has much foreign exchange to buy from each other," said one Western trade and aid expert.

Jakarta workers bound for Iraq

JAKARTA, May 2 (AFP) — Indonesia is to send 250 voluntary workers to Iraq soon, a spokesman for the Indonesian Manpower Supplier Association said today.

The workers — engineers, electricians, drivers and instructors — were being sent at the request of the Iraqi government, and there were plans to send another 1,000 later, the spokesman added.

An Iraqi oil mission has just left Indonesia after talks with Indonesian officials on the world oil market. Iraq and Indonesia are both members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

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Authority	Description	Tender Number	Tender Price	Closing Date
Presidency of the National Guard	Washing, lubrication and maintenance of the Guard's vehicles in various areas	41/401/402	200	15.5.1982
Makkah Municipality	Asphalting, side-walks and lighting No. 135/8/11 Third Phase	—	5,000	10.5.1982
" "	Furnishing the municipality's new building No. 110/8/11	—	500	" "

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2.	Hojin Maru	Anso	Vehicles	30.4.82
3.	Safina-e-Arab	S.C.S.A.	Gen./Rice	25.4.82
4.	Universal Clipper	Star	Bagged Barley	20.4.82
5.	Nour	Marble Gen./Vehs.	20.4.82	
6.	Golden Damman	El Hawi	Steel Gen./Contrs.	25.4.82
7.	Leage	Alsaada	Bagged Barley	24.4.82
8.	Aegis Topic	A.E.T.	Barley	19.4.82
9.	Bob	O.C.E.	Gen./Timber/Contrs.	25.4.82
10.	Wakatake Maru	Alireza	Contrs/Gen.	26.4.82
11.	Al Hijazi	A.A.	Bagged Barley/Gen.	21.4.82
12.	Primorje	Attar	Gen./Reef	26.4.82
13.	Union Yanbo	O.C.E.	Contrs/Timber/Gen.	26.4.82
14.	Aliga Star	El Hawi	Timber	26.4.82
15.	White Nile	A.E.T.	Contrs/Gen.	30.4.82
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17.	Archileus	Rolco	Bulk Cement	24.4.82
18.	Bunga Sriptagi	Alsaabah	Bulk Cement	27.4.82
20.	Matija Guebec	A.A.	Bagged Sugar	16.4.82
21.	Karen 'S'	Kanoo	Rice/Flour/Gen./Steel	26.4.82
22.	Bronislaw Lechowicz	Attar	Containers/Gen.	26.4.82
23.	John Gregos	Barnacodah	Barley/Wheat	24.4.82
24.	Saudi Trader	M.E.S.A.	Sugar/Gen./Lt. poles	26.4.82
25.	Young Scope	Gulf	Steel Beams/Angles	29.4.82
26.	Gedaref	Algozabi	Bagged Barley	25.4.82
27.	Pan Swan	O.C.E.	Bagged Barley	22.4.82
28.	Okpo Star	Star	Bagged Barley	16.4.82
29.	Cardiff City	Barber	Timber	1.5.82
30.	Frigo Africa	Star	Reef	30.4.82

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No.	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival
1.	Mansoor	SEA	Bagged Barley	25.4.82
S-2.	Asia No. 11	SMC	Steel/Gen.	22.4.82
3.	Aegis Logic	Alsaada	General	26.4.82
5.	Glee	SEA	Bagged Barley	24.4.82
11.	Keedevelopment	Gulf	Bagged Cement	20.4.82
12.	Kao Mu	Gosaibi	Gen/Contrs	30.4.82
16.	Merviken	Kanoo	General	27.4.82
17.	Amantatos	Kanoo	General	30.4.82
19.	Athena	Gosaibi	Barley	30.4.82
20.	Lamma Island	UEP	General	23.4.82
21.	Topusko	Kanoo	General	29.4.82
22.	Wakamizu Maru	Alireza	Gen./Contrs.	23.4.82
27.	Hoegh Calm	Kanoo	Gen./Contrs.	30.4.82
28.	Wade Everett	Gulf	General	27.4.82
29.	Kamatata	UEP	Bagged Barley	27.4.82
30.	Olympic History	Gosaibi	Bagged Barley	22.4.82

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As Moncrief strikes

Bucks keep in race with timely victory

NEW YORK, May 2 (AP) — Robert Parish scored 25 points, grabbed 13 rebounds and six blocked shots Saturday as the Boston Celtics took a 2-1 lead in their National Basketball Association playoff series with a 92-83 victory over the Washington Bullets.

In the other Eastern Conference semifinal, Sidney Moncrief cut Milwaukee's deficit to 2-1 in its series with Philadelphia 76ers hitting a 10-foot jump shot at the buzzer to beat the 76ers 92-91.

Boston's triumph was its 10th straight at

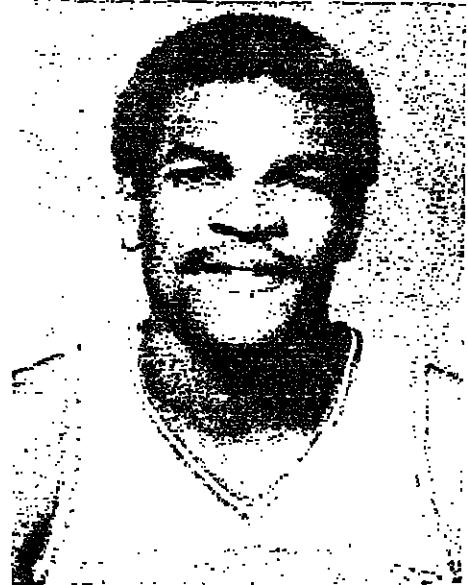
home and was also the Celtics' 11th victory in their last 12 outings with the Bullets. Cedric Maxwell added 20 points as he and Parish combined for 45 points with Boston playing much of the second half without star forward Larry Bird, who finished with 14 points despite sitting out nearly 12 minutes with five fouls.

Parish scored 17 of his 25 points in the second half, including a field goal after the Bullets had rallied to within 84-78 with 2:31 remaining. Maxwell finished with 20 points and Mickey Johnson had 21 to lead the Celtics.

The other Eastern Conference action was pulsating. Maurice Cheeks led Philadelphia with 19 points, including two free throws that gave the 76ers a 91-90 lead with five seconds left. After a Milwaukee timeout, Moncrief passed the ball to center Bob Lanier, who handed the ball back to Moncrief. He drove around the right side of the lane and lofted the ball off the glass over the outstretched hands of Caldwell Jones.

The 76ers had trailed by 18 points in the second quarter and by 11, 48-37, at the half. But they outscored the Bucks at the start of the second half for a 50-50 tie. From then on it was a close battle till Moncrief sunk the timely 10-footer.

In the Western Conference, the Los Angeles Lakers can sweep their best-of-seven series with the Phoenix Suns by defeating them in Phoenix, while the San Antonio Spurs take a 2-1 lead into their fourth game with the Seattle SuperSonics.



Maurice Cheeks...toils in vain

Laciar stops Herrera in 13th

MERIDA, Mexico, May 2 (Agencies) — Argentine Santos Laciar Sunday regained the World Boxing Association (WBA) flyweight crown when the referee halted his bout against champion Juan Herrera of Mexico in the 13th round.

Meanwhile, Tony Sibson heads the wave of new young British fighters rushing into the gap left by the retirements of Jim Watt, Dave 'Boy' Green and Alan Minter.

And it was a convincing three round win over Alan Minter last year that thrust Sibson into the world rankings and earned him a one million pounds (one and 1/2 million dollars) match later this year with unified world middleweight champion Marvin Hagler.

But before the hard-hitting Sibson meets the American he has to defend his European title against France's Jacques Chinois in London on Tuesday night.

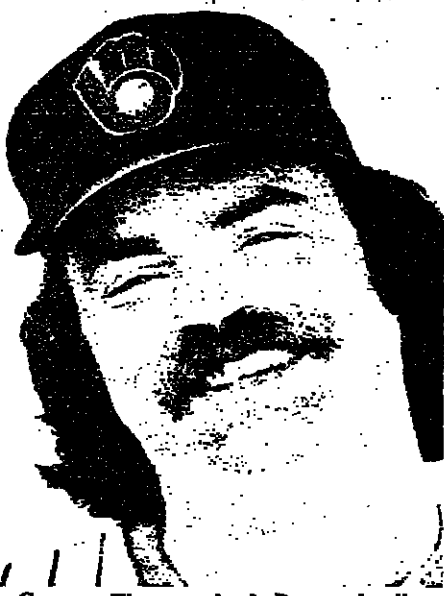
The left-hooker from Leicester will be out to dispose of Chinois as soon as possible. He cut the Frenchman down with body punches in the eighth round when they met for a non-title fight in June 1979 and he is looking for an even quicker finish second time round. There is little in the two boxers' records to

suggest the challenger will go the distance. Sibson has won 45 out of his 49 fights, drawn one and lost three while Chinois has only won 17 of his 44 bouts, losing 22nd and drawing five. The match is only taking place because of the European Boxing Union's insistence of a compulsory defense by the Englishman.

Former manager Carl Gunns found Sibson's shortcomings in temperament too much to keep in check but under the widely experienced leadership of Sam Burns the fighter rapidly moved into the top class. On his day, Sibson can beat anyone but even now the Leicester boxer can go off form and turn in a performance that is both unco-ordinated and dull.

The only knockdown defeat in Sibson's career came in 1978 when he was caught cold in the first round by light heavy-weight Lottie Mwale. It was a mistake that he has gone to great lengths not to repeat.

The English fighter is prone to suffer weight fluctuations because of his craze for food and he has to be spartan in training. Burns, however, has made sure he is in perfect shape to meet Chinois.



Gorman Thomas...leads Brewers' rally

Gato Del Sol bags Kentucky Derby

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky, May 2 (AP) — Gato Del Sol, an outsider in a field of 19 three-year-olds, moved into the hunt on the final turn and broke out of a pack during a cavalry charge down the stretch and won the \$522,600 Kentucky Derby — the first-leg of the United States triple crown — Saturday.

Finishing second at the end of the exciting event was Laser Light, another outsider, while third was Reinvested, a member of the mutual field. The two favorites, Air Forbes Won and El Baba battled with filly Cupecoy's Joy for the lead for much of the trip, but couldn't come up with the challenge in the stretch.

Gato Del Sol, in becoming the fourth gray horse to win the Derby, carried Eddie Delahoussaye under the wire in two minutes, two and two-fifths seconds for his first victory in five starts this year. When Gato Del Sol finished third in the 1 1/4 mile (2.4 km) Blue Stakes, trainer Ed Gregson said: "I'm looking forward to that extra eighth of a mile and everybody carrying 126. That is what softens up a speedhorse too."

Cupecoy's Joy, trying to become the third filly to win the Derby — the others were Regret in 1915 and Genuine Risk in 1980 — broke on top and led the field past the stands the first time round the turn and into the backstretch.

Entering the backstretch, Bold Style, ridden by Jeff Fell, the jockey who was on Timely Writer before that Derby favorite was sidelined by an ailment, was second, while Angel Cordero had Air Forbes Won, the 5-2 favorite, third.

Down the backstretch they went with the filly showing the way. By the time they had reached the half mile (0.8 kms) pole, El Baba, the 3-1 second choice ridden by Don Brumfield, was second with Air Forbes Won third.

The two favorites moved to challenge the New York-bred filly, ridden by Angel Santiago, on the turn, and several of the others in the pack also began to move up. One of them was Gato Del Sol, who had finished the first quarter at the back.

To keep ahead in American League
Red Sox cash in on Bill Stein's lapse

NEW YORK, May 2 (AP) — Texas' Bill Stein, who singled home the lead run in the top of the 12th, committed a throwing error in the bottom of the inning on a potential game-ending double play that gave Boston Red Sox a 6-5 victory over the Rangers.

The Red Sox load the bases against Steve Remer with one out on singles by Dwight Evans, Wade Boggs and Carney Lansford. Danny Darwin relieved and got Dave Stapleton to ground to short. Lansford was forced at second, but Stein's relay was wild and went into the Boston dugout, permitting Boggs to follow Evans home with the winning run.

The Rangers had tied the game 4-4 in the ninth on singles by George Ahrigh, Buddy Bell and Lamar Johnson. Tony Perez belted his first home run of the season for the Red Sox and 358th of his career and moved into a tie with Yogi Berra for 30th place on the all-time list. Jim Sundberg homered for

Texas.

The Red Sox remained one-half game ahead of Detroit in the American League East. Jerry Turner singled home the go-ahead run in the fifth inning and Lance Parrish belted his second home run of the season to lead the Tigers to a 5-2 victory over the Chicago White Sox. The Tigers wrapped it up with two runs in the eighth on a walk. Kirt Gibson's triple and a single by John Wockenfass.

Gorman Thomas hit a two-run homer as the Milwaukee Brewers exploded for five runs in the eighth inning and nipped the Minnesota Twins 6-5. The Twins led 4-1 into the eighth behind Brad Havens, but an error by third baseman Gary Gaetti and a walk got the Brewers started.

Doug Corbett gave up a two-run double to Cecil Lowr. One out later, Ted Simmons singled Cooper to tie the game and Thomas gave Milwaukee the lead with his first home run of

the year. Don Money homered for the Brewers while Jesus Vega connected for Milwaukee.

Wayne Gross homered and Mike Heath and Dave McKay also drove in two runs apiece as the Oakland A's beat the Cleveland Indians 8-2. Jeff Jones, making his first major league start after 75 relief appearances, went five innings for the A's.

In the National League, pinch hitter Jorge Orta hit a two-run homer in the seventh inning and left fielder Dusty Baker threw out the potential tying run at the plate in the ninth, racing the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 2-1 victory over Montreal Expos.

Mike Scioscia walked one out in the seventh and one out later Orta batted for Dodgers starter Jerry Reuss and jumped on a fast ball from Charlie Lea, with one out in the eighth, ninth, Cromartie, Chris Kier and Tim Wallach singled off Terry Foster, but Baker nailed Cromartie at the plate.

Dan Driessen cracked his first career grand slam and Mario Soto pitched a five-inning effort for his first victory of the season, pacing the Cincinnati Reds to a 10-1 pounding of the St. Louis Cardinals. Driessen, who also drove in a run with a triple, homered in the seventh off Jim Kaat.

Rookie left-hander Altee Hamman pitched five strong innings for the San Francisco Giants victory and the San Francisco Giants downed the New York Mets 6-3 for their fifth victory in six games.

The Giants snapped a 2-2 tie in the fourth with Cunniff at first and third. Chili Davis tried to steal second and was tagged out by shortstop Ron Gardenhire as Johnie Lemas-race home from third. San Francisco added three runs in the fifth on Jeff Ramsey's RBI single and a two-run pinch single by Duane Kuiper.

In AL night games, California was at Baltimore. Toronto at Kansas City and Seattle at New York. In the NL, it was Houston at Pittsburgh and Chicago at Atlanta, with Philadelphia at San Diego for a late West Coast game.

Argentina has it easy

LISBON, May 2 (R) — Argentina beat Britain 8-0 here Saturday in a World Roller Hockey Championship, thrust into the limelight by the Falklands crisis.

British trainer Geoff Witte said his team never had a chance of winning the opening round match of a sport dominated for the past 20 years by Argentina, Spain and Portugal.

The Argentine team was greeted enthusiastically by a group of fellow countrymen, who unfurled an Argentine flag carrying words supporting the seizure of the British Falklands colony. No British diplomat watched the match in the Lisbon Sports Pavilion, but the Argentine Embassy turned up in full force.

The Britons, however, were the favorites of the Portuguese crowd, probably because Argentina is a serious threat to the home team in the championships.

Outsiders dominate

Gilder strengthens position

El Baba and Air Forbes Won were battling for the lead as they turned for home. Then the cavalry charge began. It was up for grabs through most of the stretch as the usual throng of more than 100,000 — most of them unable to see the stretch drive — roared. Approaching the wire, Gato Del Sol gained a clear lead after skirting the field and won by 2 1/2 lengths over Laser Light.

Reinvested was another neck back and 2 1/2 lengths in front of Wate Bank, who ran as an entry with Cassalaria, the popular one-eyed colt who suffers from dastraphobia.

The victory was worth \$417,600, boosting Gato Del Sol's earnings for the year to \$503,965 and his career bankroll to \$724,793. Although Gato Del Sol was the hero to the Churchill Downs throng and to

millions watching on U.S. television, this Derby also will be remembered for some of the top colts who didn't make it to the starting gate. Timely Writer was sidelined by an abdominal problem, Hostage broke a bone in his right front foot and several others were put out by illness.

Completing the order of finish after Water Bank were Muttering, Rockwall, Air Forbes Won, Star Gallant, Majesty's Prince, Cupecoy's Joy, El Baba, Wavering Monarch, Cassalaria, Royal Rotondo, Music Bold Style, Wolfie's Rascal, New Discovery and Real Dare.

Real Dare, a gelding that was purchased for \$750,000, won an allowance race at Jefferson Downs last Saturday night and didn't arrive here until Wednesday after a 14-hour van trip.

Gilder strengthens position

DALLAS, May 2 (AP) — Bob Gilder composed a front-running, 3-under-par 68 and stretched his lead to an impressive three shots Saturday in the third round of the \$350,000 Byron Nelson Golf Classic.

Gilder, winner of two titles in seven years of PGA tour activity, took advantage of another day of near-ideal scoring conditions to compile a course-record score of 199 for 54 holes.

That was 11 shots under par on the Preston Trail Golf Club course that has been robbed of its natural defenses by the absence of wind and has yielded the lowest scores in the 15 years it has played host to the tournament.

"Absolutely perfect conditions — no wind, the greens soft and holding," said Curtis Strange, who had his second 65 of the tournament and moved into second at 202. "I feel very confident," he said, looking ahead to Sunday's final round of the chase for a \$63,000 first prize — being only one shot back, anything can happen.

U.S. Open champion David Graham, an Australian now living in Dallas and a member of the host club, agreed.

"Three or four shots is not an insurmountable lead," Graham said after he put together a 67 and advanced to third place at 203. "There's only one person between me and the lead. That makes my chances a lot better."

Phil Hancock and veteran George Archer were tied for third at 204. Hancock closed up with a 66. Archer, only stroke back of Gilder when the day's play started, slipped to a 71. They were trailed by Canadian Dan Halldorrson and D.A. Weibring at 205. Each shot a third-round 69.

Tom Watson, a four-time winner of this title, had a 57 and topped a group at 206, seven strokes off the pace. Also at that figure were Jim Colbert, who had a 66, and Bruce Fleisher, with a 67. Defending champion Bruce Lietzke appeared out of the title chase. He matched par-70 and was nine strokes behind at 208.

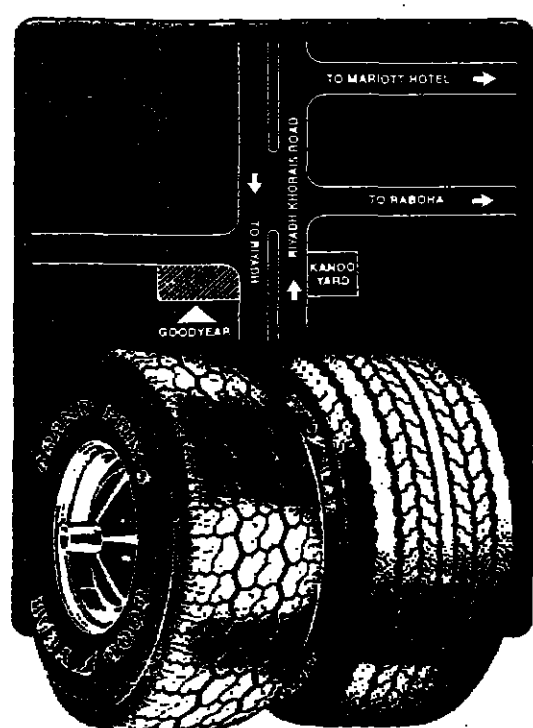
Gilder, whose last victory came in the 1980 Canadian Open, said he was "nervous, to say the least. It's been a long time since I've had the lead. I didn't play as solid as I have, but I'm happy I was able to make some birdies."

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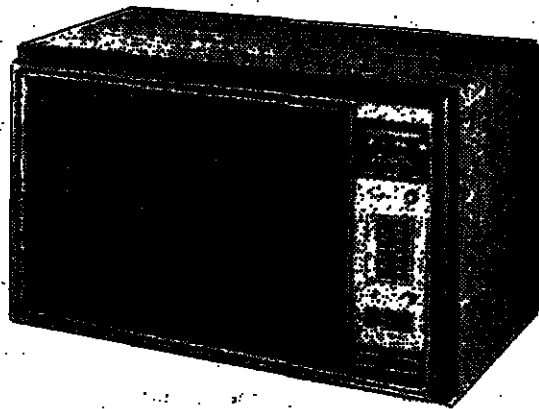
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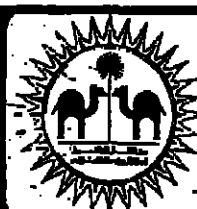
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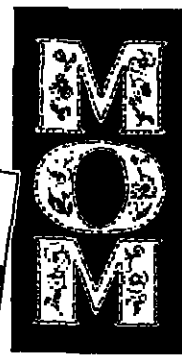
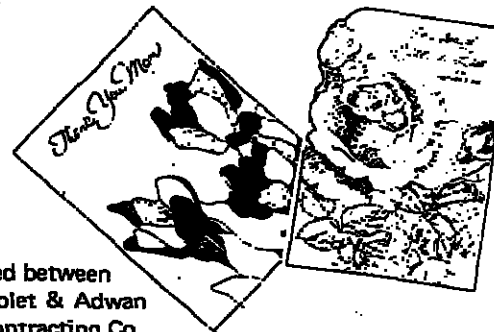
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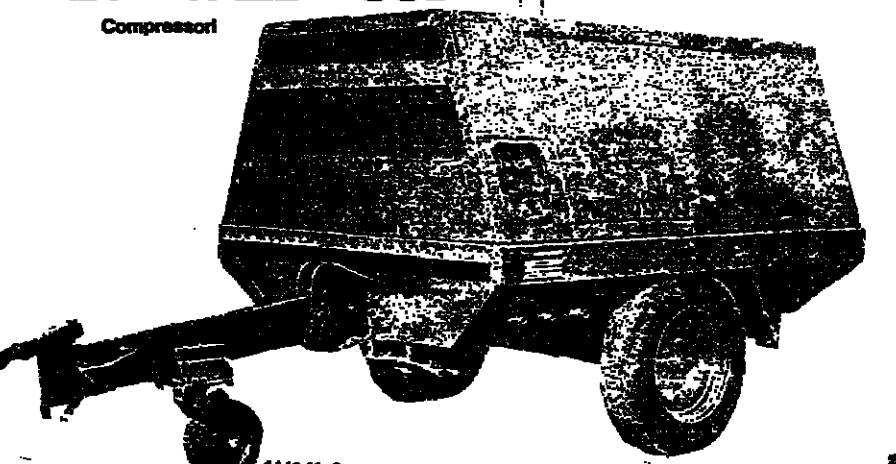
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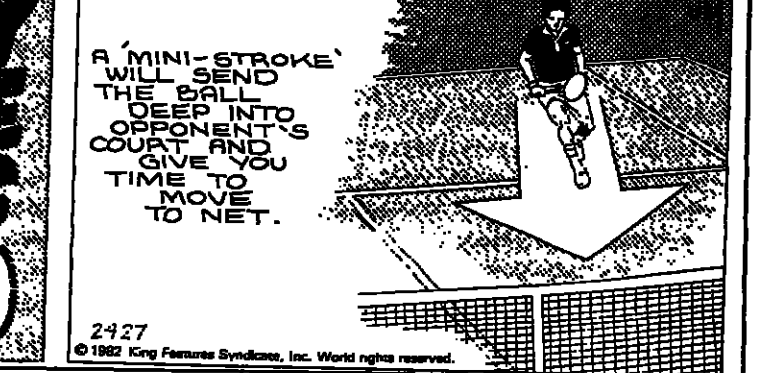
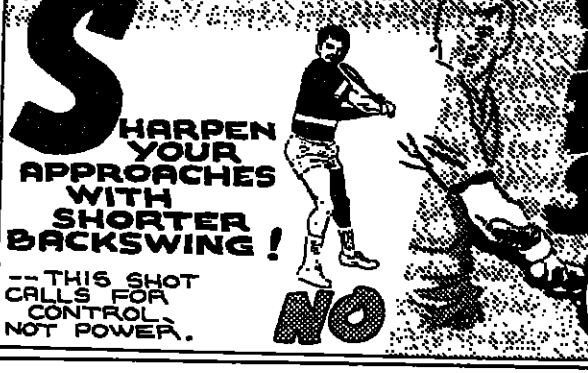
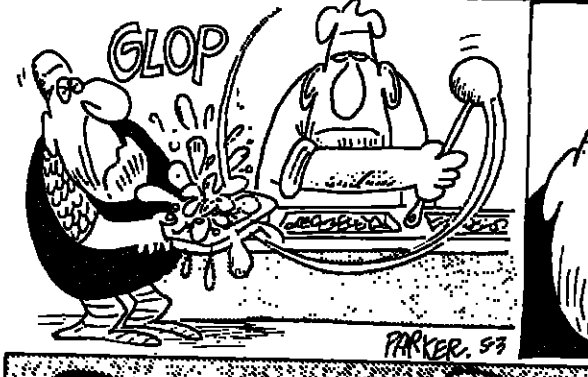
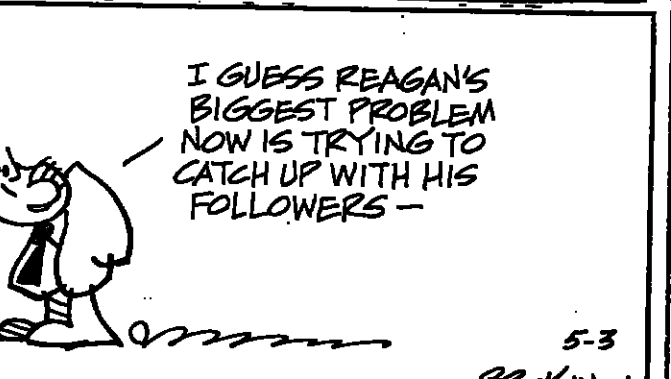
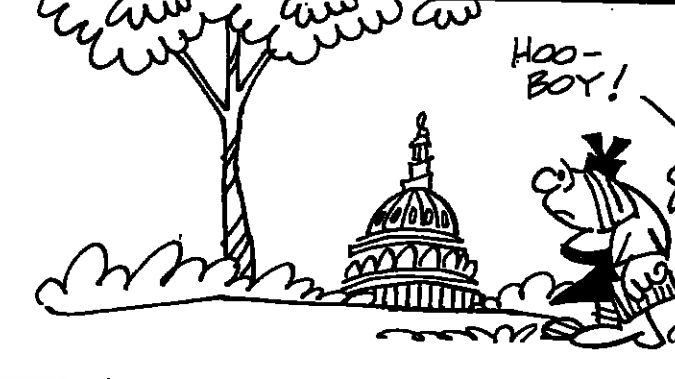
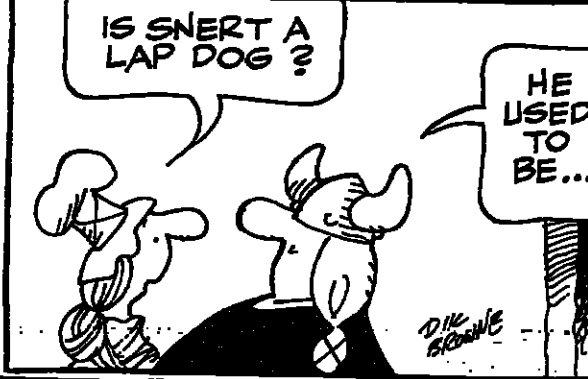
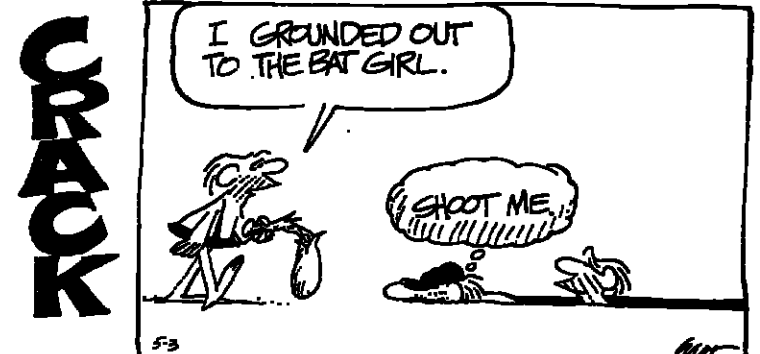
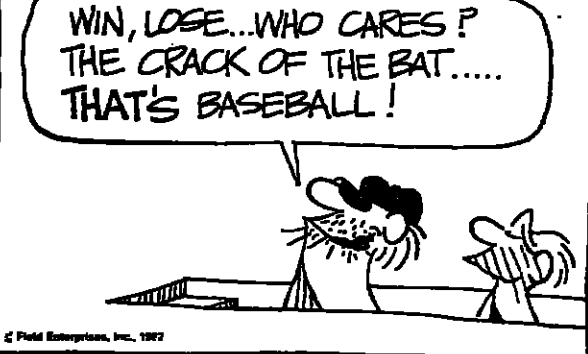
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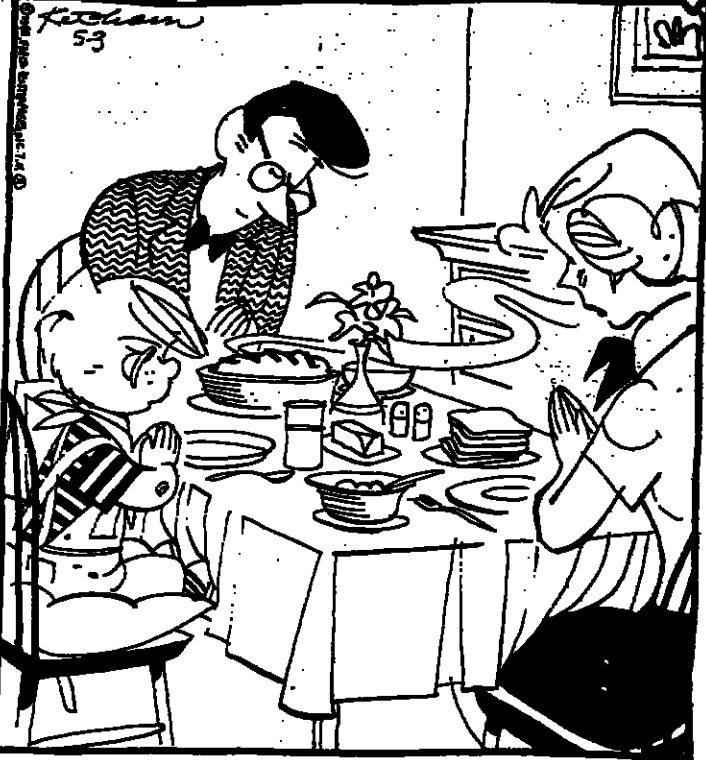
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1 Gallimaufry
5 Skin problems
11 Make eyes at
12 Out-and-out
13 Crawford
14 Cover
15 Taste
16 Hurry off
17 Soaring
18 Contest
19 Joiner
20 "Mr. Tam-bourine"
21 Dangling
22 Volcanic spew
23 Importune
24 Jury list
25 Heed, old style
27 Prison symbols
28 Self
29 Carmen or Isa
32 "East of Eden" character
33 Japanese river
34 Hockey name
35 Lord
37 Debatable
38 Position
39 - of Wight
40 Bad-tempered one

DOWN
1 Back the wrong
2 Repeatedly
3 Escape
4 Biddy
5 "With the Moon"
6 Old French decree
7 Title in India
8 Cattle rustler's "neckwear"
9 Impress deeply
10 Of the breastbone
16 One of the Katzenjammers
19 U.S. secy.
25 Its capital is Assam (abbr.)
27 Resentment
28 "Volp" character
29 Witty labor union
36 Emmet
37 Central

Saturday's Answer

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE

Here's how to work it. A KYDLBAAXR is LONG FELLOW. One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES
PYV ANI TNUM N QMWWMO
JFRFIB FIWZM GYOJE NE
N HYYWZHNPMO WZNI NH
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A friend takes you off-guard with surprising news. Toe the mark on the job and put aside farfetched ideas. Make an effort to be realistic.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
Keep close tabs on what partners spend now, otherwise your bookkeeping may be off. Singles are prone to fantasize about new romances.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
A friend's erratic behavior could cause you some problems. You may visit a relative or plan to do a bit of entertaining at home.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
A date may have to be canceled, or there could be a mix-up regarding an appointment. The behavior of a neighbor's child may displease you.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)
You may order something by mail, though shopping in general could lead to an ill-advised purchase. Watch expenditures carefully.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
Shifting moods limit your effectiveness. Be consistent. A friend's tardiness could throw you off schedule, but try to make allowances.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
An unexpected expense could crop up. Utilize private moments constructively. You're prone to waste time in daydreaming.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Confidential meetings are favored over group get-togethers. Erratic trends affect your financial picture. Don't lend money.

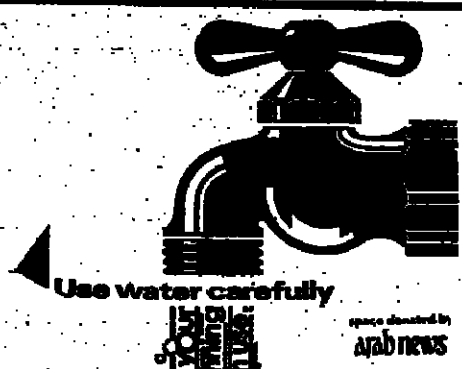
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
You'll need tact with one who holds outlandish opinions. A close friend makes good business sense but may disappoint in other ways.

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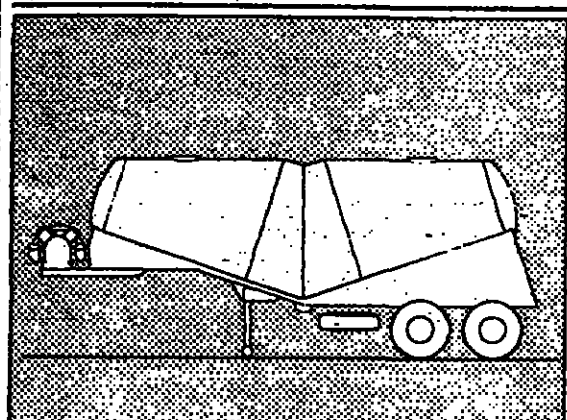
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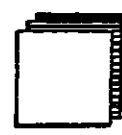
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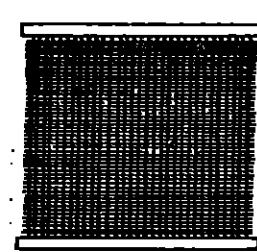
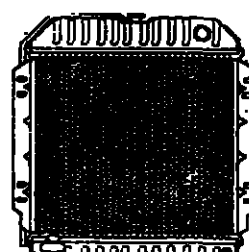
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Despite May Day protests

Poland eases martial law curbs

WARSAW, May 2 (Agencies) — Poland's military authorities on Sunday went ahead with the planned lifting of curfew and some other martial law curbs despite counter-demonstrations here and in other cities on May Day.

"Curfew is being lifted throughout the country today," Poland's state-run radio said Sunday, but added "further decisions on this matter have been conveyed to provincial governors."

Under a general easing of restrictions announced by the military council last week, the 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew imposed last December could be lifted by governors of Warsaw and Gdansk province where May Day counter-marches took place Saturday.

Sources in the now-suspended independent union Solidarity said a crowd estimated at 30,000 marched through Gdansk without incident Saturday, just as a larger crowd surged through Warsaw's old town shouting "free Lech Walesa" and "we want freedom."

The Polish news agency PAP admitted that marches inspired by "opponents of Socialist Poland" had taken place in "Warsaw and

other cities," but gave no further details. The protests, apparently organized by underground leaders of the independent union, were the biggest open defiance of martial law and show of labor unity since the state of emergency began here on Dec. 13, 1981.

The crowd carried union banners and Polish flags, shouting "away with the junta" and "come and join us." Some Western diplomatic observers said counter-marches could strengthen the hand of Communist Party hard-liners and military council members who favor an even slower pace of easing restrictions than is being taken now.

But others speculated the authorities may tolerate one such display in the hopes it will not recur, while others said that Saturday's counter-parade could only embolden more people to join next time around.

A test was expected Monday when protesters are supposed to gather in Warsaw's Victory Square to mark the anniversary of the short-lived Polish constitution of 1791, the most liberal of its time.

Solidarity sources in Gdansk, where the union was formed during August 1980 ship-

yard strikes, said the church there had appealed for a halt to plans for a demonstration Monday on the theory the authorities would not tolerate another unauthorized public gathering.

The sources said the Gdansk counter-parade shouted "down with communism," and free Walesa," and then stopped by the home of the interned union leader to greet his wife Danuta. The Gdansk parade headed toward local party headquarters but then turned on its own in order to avoid trouble, the sources said.

Meanwhile, the fugitive union officials, representing the regions of Warsaw, Gdansk, Krakow, and Lower Silesia, agreed to coordinate activities until the union's leaders had been freed from internment and prison camps.

They included Zbigniew Bujak, the head of the union's Warsaw branch, whose name appeared on many leaflets circulating in the capital, including those calling for the March Saturday. Bujak's name too was chanted during the march.

Humor keeps Poles away from gloom

WARSAW, May 2 (AP) — In martial law Poland, even Adam and Eve are subject to censorship. A recent edition of the humor magazine *Karuzela* (carrousel) depicted a man and a woman in a cartoon setting, discussing how to qualify for credits given to Polish newlyweds.

One panel in the cartoon showed the couple beginning to talk and then deciding to go to the man's place as two monkeys in a tree chatter: "The conversation is controlled, the conversation is controlled." The reference is to the voice that begins nearly every telephone conversation letting the callers know they may be monitored.

Poles are falling back on an inexhaustible

natural resource — humor. Many Polish papers and magazines are full these days of jokes about restrictions and the general situation. The major political weekly "Polityka" recently ran a cartoon showing a farmer plowing his field — with the plow being pulled by a tank.

The weekly *Przekroj* (crosscut), carries a page called "Miscellanea" that includes stories about the absurdities of daily life, journalistic mistakes and mild ridicule of regulations and orders.

One recent verse said "gentlemen, let us be elegant and chivalrous toward women: After all, compliments are the only present we can give them now."

Another line was "the proof that one can go to America without a single dollar is Christopher Columbus." The comment refers to a limitation on the number of dollars Poles can take with them if they travel to the West assuming they get permission to go, which is now limited primarily to pensioners, persons over 60 and those "incapable of work."

Another joke describes a meeting between two people. One asks the other, "hey, how long haven't you been working?" The answer: "I can't remember, I lost my birth certificate." The authorities have banned "social parasites," or those who don't work.

Sierra Leone cancels 8 election results

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone, May 2 (AP) — Authorities have canceled election results in eight of the country's 66 constituencies because of "serious irregularities" in Saturday's voting to elect a new parliament. A statement from the electoral commission said new elections would be held "as soon as possible."

Three of the races canceled were in the capital, Freetown, two were in the eastern region of the country and the other three were in the north.

Although officials refused to say what the irregularities were, there were numerous reports of fights at polling stations as supporters of candidates attempted to remove or destroy opponents' ballot boxes.

A police spokesman confirmed reports

that supporters of Alex Stevens, one of President Siaka Stevens' sons running for parliament, broke up polling stations in his Freetown constituency.

In all, four of the 76-year-old president's relatives were first-time contenders for parliament. One son, Jengo, was returned unopposed along with 18 other candidates. A nephew, David Mac-Boimah, was defeated in a Freetown race.

Results were also voided in a Freetown constituency being challenged by Alfred Akibo-Betts, a government official who last year brought to light irregularities in the Ministry of Finance.

The election was the first under a new one-party system approved by popular referendum in 1978 and intended to do away

with electoral violence, a characteristic of Sierra Leone elections since independence from Britain in 1961.

Most of the contests were among three candidates, all approved after nomination through a primary system controlled by Stevens' All People's Congress (APC). Complete returns are not expected for several days because of poor internal communications in this west African nation of 3.5 million.

Among those who had been returned unopposed were first Vice President S. I. Koroma, second Vice President T. A. Kamara Taylor and the ministers of foreign affairs, education, mines, justice, interior, economic and planning and tourism and culture.

Italian party to debate coalition fate

ROME, May 2 (R) — Italy's Christian Democratic Party Sunday opened a six-day congress which is widely expected to determine the fate of the country's tottering coalition government.

Debate opened before a half-empty congress hall as party leaders representing as many as eight factions haggled behind the scene over candidates for the powerful post of party secretary. The congress is the 15th in the 40-year history of the Christian Democrats, who until last year had provided all

post-war prime ministers.

Renewal of the party's claim to be the leading political power is the chief slogan of the congress but the main issue confronting the 1,400 delegates is how and with what alliance this should be accomplished. The congress follows a fierce row between the Christian Democrats, still the dominant group in the government, and the ambitious Socialists who almost toppled the five-party coalition government two weeks ago.

The collapse of Prime Minister Giovanni Spadolini's government was averted at the last minute when the Socialists were promised their grievances would be taken up after the Christian Democratic party congress.

Sikh movement banned in India

NEW DELHI, May 2 (AFP) — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's federal government Sunday banned "Dal Khalsa" the militant youth wing of "Khalistan" (Sikh homeland) movement and the National Council of Khalistan in Punjab state bordering Pakistan. An official spokesman who announced this here, said these organizations have been openly indulging in anti-national and secessionist activities.

The spokesman said they posed a danger to national security and to the country. These organizations have been spreading communal hatred and have been responsible for many violent and provocative acts, some of which they have publicly admitted, the spokesman said.

He said that the Punjab government, administered by Mrs. Gandhi's Congress Party, had recommended the banning of Dal Khalsa and the National Council of Khalistan. He said there had been considerable concern all over the country and within Punjab the activities of these organizations and these concerns had been expressed in parliament and at other forums.

Kennedy raps Reagan

BONN, May 2 (R) — U.S. Sen. Edward Kennedy was quoted Sunday as saying President Ronald Reagan's rearmament policy was increasing the danger of a nuclear conflict. But Kennedy, interviewed by the West German magazine *Der Spiegel*, said the West could only renounce first use of nuclear weapons once it had built up its conventional forces to achieve parity with the Soviet Union.

"I don't believe the president was a war. But I do believe that his policy increases the possibility of an atomic confrontation," he said. The senator, who is leading a campaign in the United States for a worldwide freeze on nuclear arms, said he would support a considerable increase in conventional defense spending.

In the 1979 elections Christian Democrats polled 38 percent of the vote, the opposition Communists 30 percent and the Socialists 10 percent. But since then the Socialists, encouraged by the example of their French comrade, feel that they could do better if snap elections were held and have been pressing for a long time for an upgrading of their junior role in the government.

GLOBAL WEATHER

	Min		Max			Min		Max			
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Amsterdam	4	39	10	50	cloudy	Mexico City	11	52	26	79	clear
Athens	12	20	54	68	cloudy	Miami	24	75	26	78	rain
Bangkok	30	86	36	97	clear	Montevideo	14	59	20	67	clear
Belut	16	61	25	77	clear	Montreal	5	41	19	66	cloudy
Berlin	2	36	8	46	cloudy	Moscow	8	46	17	63	clear
Brussels	4	39	14	57	cloudy	New Delhi	23	74	37	89	clear
Buenos Aires	15	59	26	78	cloudy	New York	14	57	25	77	cloudy
Cairo	17	63	33	91	clear	Nicosia	9	48	21	70	clear
Caracas	19	66	21	70	rain	Oahu	36	12	54	clear	
Chicago	6	43	20	69	clear	Paris	5	41	14	57	sunny
Copenhagen	4	39	11	52	cloudy	Rio de Janeiro	14	57	28	82	cloudy
Dublin	4	39	10	50	cloudy	Rome	6	43	20	68	clear
Frankfurt	0	32	11	52	cloudy	San Francisco	9	48	12	55	clear
Geneva	3	36	14	57	cloudy	Seoul	9	48	21	70	clear
Helsinki	4	39	10	50	cloudy	Singapore	24	75	32	90	rain
Hong Kong	22	72	24	75	cloudy	Stockholm	2	36	9	48	cloudy
Jakarta	24	75	32	90	cloudy	Sydney	12	54	21	70	rain
Kuala Lumpur	23	73	33	91	rain	Taipei	19	66	25	77	cloudy
London	5	41	12	54	cloudy	Tokyo	19	66	23	73	cloudy
Los Angeles	16	61	21	71	cloudy	Toronto	5	41	21	70	sunny
Madrid	6	43	22	72	clear	Vancouver	5	41	18	64	rain
Manila	25	77	36	97	clear	Vienna	3	38	9	48	cloudy

Global vote on weapons race mullied

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP) — Leaders of the peace movement are considering a call for a global referendum in which every adult in the world would have a chance to vote for an end to the arms race. The idea is that such a vote would be an expression of the universal hunger for peace and would convey a message from the people of the world to their leaders.

Some leaders of the groups promoting a nuclear freeze are thinking of working for a vote at the United Nations on the issue. The United Nations would ask member states to conduct referenda asking their citizens if they favor general and balanced disarmament. But other disarmament supporters thought the idea would flop and discredit their movement.

The concept comes from Canada, where an organization called Operation Dismantle has spent five years trying to persuade the Canadian government to lay the idea before the United Nations. Thirty-three Canadian cities and towns will vote in such a referendum this fall.

T. James Stark, president of Operation Dismantle, said he got the idea while casting about for a "non-confrontative" wave to spur governments into action on disarmament. "It became clear to me that there was absolutely no political will on the part of government to end the arms race," Stark said. "So the only other possible source of political will out there is in the normal people of this world."

Two weeks ago, Stark appealed for support from the International Task Force of the National Nuclear Freeze Campaign. The Task Force chairman, an official of the American Friends Service Committee, said he supports the concept if it were clear "that it would not be done in a feeble way." He said the soonest a world vote could occur would be late next year.

The freeze campaign is a loose coalition of local organizations. Its government body, the national committee, is to discuss the prospects of a world referendum at its semi-annual meeting in Atlanta in June.

Some leaders are fearful of blurring their movement's single-minded focus on a Soviet-American freeze in the development, deployment or testing of nuclear weapons as a first step toward disarmament. "We don't want the freeze movement to bite off more than is manageable," said George Sommaripa, a freeze campaign worker in Massachusetts.

Another peace worker, James Olson, director of the unitarian-universalist U.N. office in New York, said he had a hunch the scheme would not get very far.

He said the idea reminds him of the 1935 peace ballot—an ineffective gesture in which 10 million Britons voted for economic sanctions and 6 million for universal military and economic sanctions against Italy after Mussolini's attack on Ethiopia.

But Seymour Melman, an engineering professor at Columbia University and co-chairman of the Citizens' Organization for a Sane World, said he intends to propose this week that Sane's executive committee endorse the idea. "It would encourage discussion, put the issue before a large public," he said. As Stark sees it, no country would be able to refuse to go along if the idea won the blessings of the General Assembly.

He said that the Punjab government, administered by Mrs. Gandhi's Congress Party, had recommended the banning of Dal Khalsa and the National Council of Khalistan. He said there had been considerable concern all over the country and within Punjab the activities of these organizations and these concerns had been expressed in parliament and at other forums.

"The government sincerely hoped that this move would lead to speedy restoration of peace, communal harmony and mutual trust in the state," the spokesman added. The communal hatred between a section of the Sikh community and Hindus stemmed from the discovery of two severed heads of cow near a Hindu temple at Amritsar town on Monday last.

This led to bloody clashes between the two communities and police firing in which at least one person was killed and a number of others injured. Dal Khalsa has reportedly admitted responsibility for the Amritsar sacrifice.

Tremors hit Yugoslavia

BELGRADE, May 2 (R) — A strong earth tremor, the second in 24 hours, Sunday shook the Montenegrin coastal region of Yugoslavia, an area devastated three years ago by a massive earthquake, officials said. People in the town of Ucinjan ran out of their homes in panic but there were no reports of casualties or damage in either tremor.

The tremors measured respectively 5.5 and 6 degrees on the 12-point Mercalli scale which shows the effect of a quake rather than its strength, Yugoslav seismological stations said. The quake on April 15, 1979 measured 9 degrees on the same scale and killed 94 persons.

In Falklands battle U.K. planes outnumbered

LONDON, May 2 (R) — Britain's naval task force now engaged in fighting around the Falklands has an edge over Argentina in warships but is outnumbered in aircraft. The British have 20 navy sea Harrier jump-jets aboard two aircraft carriers.

Argentina has only one carrier and 14 American-built Skyhawks. It has 127 more land-based aircraft but most of these cannot operate far from the Argentine coastline. A breakdown of the forces shaping up in the South Atlantic has been given by the Royal United Services Institute for Defense Studies, an independent observer group, as follows:

	Britain	Argentina
Submarines	3	3
Aircraft carriers	2	1
Light cruisers	2	1
Destroyers	5	9
Frigates	5	3
Assault ships	1	0
Fighter planes, carrier-based	20	14
Fighter planes, land-based	0	127
Other warplanes	0	62
Helicopters, ship-based	47	6

For Britain, the Falklands fighting is its major military conflict since the Indonesian confrontation of the mid-1960s. And ironically it comes at a time when the Conservative government planned to prune even further the country's conventional forces after nearly a decade of heated debate.

Since World II the British armed forces have been cut back and withdrawn from numerous bases around the globe, notably east of Suez with the exception of a small force in Hong Kong. Shortly after the war Britain fought alongside U.S. troops and soldiers from other countries in Korea.

Then came the abortive British invasion of Egypt in 1956 to safeguard passage through the Suez Canal. The debacle ultimately forced the resignation of then Prime Minister Anthony Eden. British troops in the 1950s

also fought and beat Communist insurgents in Malaya, now Malaysia, developing jungle warfare tactics which were used by the Americans in Vietnam.

The confrontation with Indonesia began in 1963 when President Sukarno sent insurgents to harass the new nation of Malaysia, which had been a British colony. The Indonesian guerrillas infiltrated the Malaysian state of Borneo and Britain sent troops to fight the insurgency for two years. It ended in 1965 when President Sukarno was deposed and the new Indonesian leader Gen. Suharto ended the "crush Malaysia" campaign.

Since 1969, hundreds of British Army troops have been stationed in Northern Ireland where Irish Republican Army (IRA) guerrillas have been waging a struggle to sever Belfast's links with London.

The debate over the future of the armed forces has been conducted mainly in the House of Commons with the Labor Party, now in opposition and turning increasingly to the political left, seeking massive reductions. Realizing that military morale was low after five years of Labor rule, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher gave the armed forces big pay rises on coming to power in 1979.

But even before the Falklands crisis with Argentina, Mrs. Thatcher had been under fierce attack, particularly over plans to lay up some ships, sell others, pay off 10,000 of the 64,000 sailors and close dockyards. These plans, according to critics, were designed to help find 7.5 billion sterling (\$13 billion) to buy the U.S. Trident-2 D-5 submarine-launched missile system. The system would form the basis of Britain's nuclear deterrent well into the next century.

Significantly, shortly after the Falklands crisis erupted and the British task force sailed for the South Atlantic, the government announced that it was delaying publication of its defense white paper on future plans.

Israel to cancel weekend flights

TEL AVIV, May 2 (AP) — The government decided Sunday to prohibit El Al, the national airline, from flying on the Jewish weekend Friday-Saturday, and gave a ministerial committee three months to work out ways to implement the ban. The move delighted orthodox Jews but angered the secular majority and was seen likely to stir labor unrest.

The cabinet was acting on a promise made by Prime Minister Menachem Begin in order to lure the tiny ultra-orthodox Agudat Israel faction into his coalition following last June's national election.

The El Al ban was one of many concessions Begin made to the three-man faction ranging from deliberalizing the abortion law to increasing state funding of religious schools. Agudat Israel has been pressuring Begin to make good on his promises and has threatened to quit the coalition — a move that would bring down the government.

El Al says the ban will worsen its deficit which stood at \$4 million in fiscal 1980-81. A public committee that studied the problem concluded that the prohibition would cost El Al \$30-40 million a year.

El Al operates an average of 10 flights carrying 2,500-3,000 passengers, most of them package tourists who arrive on Friday night and leave two Sundays later, thus squeezing a nine-day holiday out of a five-workday holiday.

Schmidt attacked for U.S. alliance

MOSCOW, May 2 (AP) — The Soviet Union on Sunday criticized West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt for his allegiance to an American "policy of strength."

"Either the overseas example is infectious, or perhaps there is some other cause, but there has often been a metallic ring in the voice of Federal Republic of Germany Chancellor Helmut Schmidt these days when he starts talking about the Soviet Union," the Soviet Communist Party organ *Pravda* said.

"Helmut Schmidt said, among the things, that President (Reagan) had already enunciated the potential strength position, on whose basis we can successfully negotiate with the Russians," *Pravda* said.

"Thus it is again the position of strength policy," *Pravda* said. "It looks like that in his efforts to please Washington, Helmut Schmidt decided to disregard the lessons which were given to Bonn in the time of (Konrad) Adenauer," the West German chancellor during the Cold War period.

Pravda said Schmidt raised the "bogey of the Soviet menace" as a political defense against "increasingly large numbers of people in the FRG (who) see that the real threat to peace in Europe stems from the militaristic course of the U.S. and NATO, with which Bonn is in clear solidarity."

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